the country of the control of the co William on the shape The state of the s

there is the design of the state of the stat Traff and was be discus teritor at a meeting array and a union in

What I can't under

The nestal straine of particles to be warned adding itali use ded to kan k

From the new treatment of the price is not be committed as the price is not be committed.

of the said after and the felice

there in link people to be turning a blind of

charles willer making

and ture tolemedated

me called this member

Months that the word

err. to place the officeres

one, them to the fourbie .

safe of the straights

In the management

to the first that the book of

The Color of the C

inal Country minus

man state of the state of

name Die eine nie find

to reason by deptioner.

· L. . . . . Li

The America count

and the started write of the c

Pear Fight on the time said (1995)

A STATE OF THE STA

buriler - a man are the probable

grade discourse the same through

Bertham and the said there

manufact it is the second of their protect.

feiner megartier ber gut bereiten bar

Mining to the same and the same and the

phone to the same of the same

BET BESTER OF THE STATE

**建** 

Company of the second

The second of th

sample to the

to babba n - 11 -

The Property with digital

THE PERSON NAMED IN

personal Lambara SE

te e met energinforge

day he's meent.

Plum's ber ton hong." control of the control of the

WEATHER: Showers and cool westerly wind

(IR45p) 40p

# And this, they say, is how to keep a healthy population of hares

WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 1997



that there extends by their This have does not have a healthy future - in fact it has about 10 seconds

crowd ofgawping spectators. Animal

two pursuing greyhounds in front of a part in a token demonstration at what Merseyside. If Labour wins the election, crowd ofgawping spectators. Animal could be the last "Cup Final" of hare the 161-year-old Cup will be the sub-

hunting with hounds. John Haigh of the British Field Sports Society claimed hare

# that that an offence one by an order ideal persons by an offence one bank where it's a group of the bank where it's a group of the bank where it's map and beauty beauty beauty beauty beauty beauty beauty beauty beauty The spectre of a human clone

Charles Arthur Science Editor Rupert Cornwell Washington

International calls for new laws to prevent the cloning of humans are growing, as the full im-plications of the cloning of a sheep by scientists in Edinburgh begin to dawn.

Some scientists even com-pared the possible effects on humanity to the atomic bomb, while President Clinton said the cloning of Dolly the sheep raised "serious ethical questions, particularly with respect to the possible use of this techoology to clone human emto him in 90 days oo the ethical and legal implications of the Edinburgh work.

Since the news first emerged on Sunday, the cloning breakthrough has enthralled the US. That same day the story led the New York Times, the country's most pattingious newspaper. Since these it has dominated television newscasts, provoked weighty leading articles, and provided endless grist for the talkshows. The fascination partly reflects an obsession with scientific and medical news in a country where tenuous results from routine health studies make front-page headlines. But it is also a measure of the ethical and legal conundrums raised by the possible cloning of humans. In France Philippe Vasseur, the farm minister, work with scientists at the raised the bizarre spectre of "six-legged chickens" and promised stiff new controls if the tech-stiff new controls in the tech-stiff new controls new controls in the tech-stiff new controls new controls new controls new con

6 In the past few days, we have lived through a change in our condition as momentous as the Copernican revolution or the splitting of the atom 9

Andrew Marr. page 17

nology led to "monstrous" experiments with nature. More-material benefits of the work showed up in a beoming share price for PPL Therapeutics, which carried out the



Ethical conuminant Cloning enthralis the US but President Bill Clinton will concern over applying the technology to humans Photograph; Brian Hams

However, the Roslin scientists own no shares in the company, and will oot benefit directly from their hreak-

morning, increasing its market termined - and very wealthy person from spending millions of pounds to put dogether a eloning laboratory for their personal immortalisation.

The UK, Spain, Germany, Canada and Denmark have laws against cloning humans, as do some individual states in the US. France and Portugal also

use of cloning. But many countries do not. That has raised the possibility that publication to-morrow in Nature, the scientific journal, of the technique involved in using a cell from an adult sheep to produce Dolly could be used to clone people.

Embryology Authority, said yesterday: "The important thing isn't to raise fears about what might go on here [the UK], but elsewhere. There's a general consensus that cloning people would be oegative, but the legal framework isn't unified." In the US, for example, federal

have very restrictive laws on the the Human Fertilisation and funds cannot be used to fund research on human embryos. But vately-funded science. Joseph Rothlat, the British physicist who won the Nobel

Peace Prize in 1995 after battling for years against nuclear weapons, said: "My worry is that other advances in science may

result in other means of mass destruction, maybe more readily available even than onclear weapons. Genetic engineering is quite a possible area, because of these dreadful developments that are taking place there."

It is still uncertain whether it would be possible to clone a human from an adult cell. Dolly was produced by taking a cell from an adult sheep and putting it into a "genetic coma". The mucleus and DNA of that cell was then out into an unfertilised egg from which the DNA had been removed, and the resultant cell implanted into a ewe.

In theory the same principle might work in humans. But it has failed in frogs and mice, because it is more difficult to put their cells into the required form of genetic coma. Scientists instead now want to try the technique on pigs and cows.

Professor Grahame Bulfield, director of the Roslin Institute, insisted yesterday that they would oot allow cloning to be used in harmful ways, and especially not for work on humans. Instead, he said, the breakthrough could in the long term lead to a invriad of new ways to help humans. Herds of transgenic animals could be farmed for proteins, blood and organs. Gene therapy, with its ability to replace faulty genes with good ooes, could provide cures for fatal diseases

It could take years for the technology to be proven and field-tested sufficiently to be licensed. But after that it could be worth millions of pounds annually, with a huge number of applications.

# Labour will audit Treasury to see if Tories cooked the books

Labour will order an indepen-ient andit of the nation's finances, if it wins in May, pecause it is suspicious that the Conservatives may bequeath a nidden economic time bomb.

In a move which is likely to zause hostility within the Treaantamount to an accusation that the books have been cooked, Gordon Brown would et up the andit as soon as he got into the Treasury.

In a speech today, the shad-ow Chancellor will set out the machinery for delivering the monetary policy, the low inflation, the investment and the sustained growth he wants to achieve in office.

He says that Labour "hates inflation", and wants sustained growth, but that requires a ake up at the Treasury and the Bank of England to get rid of the instability generated by the "running displate" of the so-called Ken and Eddie soap opera. The most immediate reform

**EXCLUSIVE** 

taken by Mr Brown would be the setting up of an independent check on the legacy that would be left by the Conservatives. Labour leaders are acutely sury where it will be viewed as conscious of the hidden economic crisis inherited by Harold Wilson in 1964, after 13 years of Conservative rule, leading to a forced devaluation for which

> Labour is also aware that if it had won the last election, in 1992, it would have been excoriated by the Tories for the inevitability of sterling's fall from the Buropean exchange rate mechanism and the minimization

Labour took the full hlame.

of the subsequent plunge in the value of the point.

Labour is planning a final scale budget before Parliament breaks for its summer recess in July, within 10 weeks of taking over from the Tories. But Mr. Brown will say today: "We will

#### by Anthony Bevins

fiscal projections are properly audited before the Budge It was not clear last night which independent group would carry out the audit, but

one senior Labour source said Mr. Brewn would insist on "kosher, credible figures" - the hard truth, independently verified, on borrowing, debt and expenditure programmes. Also, out will go the Treasury's current team of "wise

people", who provide an independent assessment of govern-ment economic and monetary policy, a system condemned by Mr Brown as "haphazard." Treasury advice would be broadened with a new Conneil of Economic Advisers, "reflecting a wider range of eco-

TREASURY R .. KS

nor, and including up to four outsiders brought in to cohance the Bank's reputation. Mr Brown will say: "I have

nomic expertise". In an attempt not hidden the fact that the parto bolster the Bank's perforlous state in which the Governmance, Mr Brown would set up ment has left the public finances, with public borrowing at £26bn a Bank Monetary Policy Comensure that the Government's mittee, chaired by the Gover- this year ... will mean difficult

choices on public spending."
He will say that the personalisation of the differences between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, risked un-dermining the credibility of interest rate and inflation policy. This risk has hecome a re-

ality now that the argument between the Governor and the Chancellor is conducted through speeches and interviews on both sides." In an attempt to show that he means business, Mr Brown will say: "Inflation undermines busi-

ness success. It creates instability. It harms investment and the damage it does, as the ex-perience of the late Eighties shows, takes years to undo. There is an additional reason why Labour hates inflation. The people who suffer most are those on fixed and low incomes. especially the elderly, the people who are least able to defend

#### QUICKLY

Plans to sell Tube

The Government announced that it would sell the Loodon Underground, which ferries 2.7 million people around the capital every day. It insisted that money raised in the sale would be put back into the cashstrapped system. Deng's last farewell

The final legacy of Deng Xiaoping proved to be the freedom not to have to mourn him, as shoppers in Peking ignored a live transmission of his hour-long memorial eeremony of the People where 10,000 senior party and government officials gathered before a casket containing his ashes. Page 12 Alert over tests

A himt began yesterday for up to 500 people who may have been given inaccurate tests for HIV infection, sexually transmitted diseases and cervical cancer by an unregistered doctor working in a clinic in south London. Page 5 Court martials unfair

Britain's court martial system is unfair and contravenes the European Convention on Human Rights, the European Court of Human Rights found. Page 8

#### Finally, you can expect superb sound wherever you are.

The Bose® Acoustic Wave® music system, the only thing that's limited is its availability.



Bose introduces an easier, more convenient way to enjoy superb sound. Small and light, the Acoustic Wave music system is a complete sound system. With two equalizers, three amplifiers, three speakers, an AM/FM stereo runer, CD player and a credit card-sized remote control. Bose's patented Acoustic Waveguide\* speaker technology delivers big, rich, lifelike sound. There are no cables to connect. No dials to adjust. Just plug it in and start enjoying it. Not found in any shops, this system is available only direct from Bose. For a free information pack, simply call freephone or send/fax the coupon below. Or to try it in your home for 14 days, satisfaction guaranteed, call:

0800 022 044

When calling, please quote reference number 5191.

Name	Mr/Mrs/
[d	
Address	
·	Postcode
lease return in an envelope to	

THE TABLOID **Bridget Jones:** will she, won't she?

THE TABLOID Confronting Katharine Hamnett



INTERVIEW **Roy Jenkins:** the trouble with

Jack Straw PAGE 16

	THE B	ROAD:	HEET	
17	Busines	s & Cit	v 20-2	3
	Comme	nt	15-1	7
	Cultitude			é.
	Crosswo Essay	жи	********	2
0	Essay		31	0

Home news . . . . 2-9 Leading articles,

Unit trusts . . . . 19 Fashion . . . . . . 8,9 Features ......6,7 Obstuaries ..... 18 Arts reviews ..... 31 Health ...... 8,9

Radio & TV ...35,36 Theatre . . . . . . 4,5 

## significant shorts

#### **Europe to investigate jail** treatment of McAliskey

The European Parliament is to send a delegation to Holloway Prison to investigate complaints about the detention of Roisin McAliskey amid mounting international concern about her

The 25-year-old daughter of the former nationalist MP Bernadette Devlin is being held on remand pending extradition to Germany for questioning in connection with the IRA mortar attack on a British army barracks at Osnabrück last year. She is seven months pregnant but as a Category A high security prisoner, she is held in solitary confinement and is strip-searched daily.

The Irish government raised a formal protest about the conditions of her detention last week. Dick Spring, the Republic's foreign minister, called in the British ambassador in Dublin to demand that Ms Mc Aliskey be given bail and to insist that she is at least entitled to "basic decency" while in jail. The European Parliament's all party Civil Liberties committee yesterday agreed to send a three member delegation despite objections from a number of British MEPs. Katharine Butler

#### Storms set to return by weekend

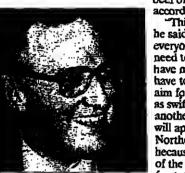
The tempest that tore across the country yesterday and on Monday night, causing 11 deaths and extensive damage, might return by the weekend, weather forecasters warned yesterday.

The London Weather Centre said the country is in the middle of a "very windy and unsettled weather system". "In two days these winds will he affecting the north of the country. In the meantime local features such as valleys and huildings will produce some very high gusts," said a spokesman. The violent storms during the past two days prompted fatal road accidents. They also caused flash floods and left fallen trees littering roads. Winds gusting up to 80mph were commonplace with the highest wind – of 90mph – recorded at Lee-on-the-Solent, Hampshire.

Matthew Brace

#### New proposal to lift beef ban

Douglas Hogg, the agriculture minister, yesterday put a new proposal to Europe aimed at lifting the ban on British beef. Under the proposal, meat and beef products from herds certified as BSEfree would be exported again. The Export Certified Herds Scheme is an important step along the road to the restoration of British



beef on the world market, according to Mr Hogg, "This is only the first step," he said. "It is common to everyone in the industry that we need to get this ban lifted. We have made a judgement that we have to move step by step. We aim for this [one] to be followed as swiftly as possible by another." The scheme, which will apply to farmers in Northern Ireland in particular hecause of the lower incidence of the disease there, may yet be

#### frustrated by Europe, he said. E.coli butcher prepares to re-open

John Barr, the butcher whose shop was linked to the E. coli 0157 outbreak in Scotland which claimed 18 lives, last night prepared to re-open for business on Thursday - and told of the "bell" he and his family had suffered.

But Paul Santoni, the lawyer for some of those hit by Europe's worst outbreak of the infection, called the re-opening "surprising". The decision to resume business was announced yesterday by Mr Barr's lawyer, George Moore, who said the butcher had worked closely with environmental officials and had received their agreement to open again. Mr Barr, 51, is awaiting trial on a charge of culpable and reckless conduct in relation to the alleged supply of

#### Billie-Jo foster father released

etectives numing the killer of the 13-year-old schoolgin billie-J Jenkins have released her foster father Sion Jenkins on police bail to return in five weeks. Mr Jenkins, 39, was arrested on Monday in

Hastings, West Sussex, and held for questioning.

Billie-Jo was battered over the head with an 18-inch metal tent peg as she painted the patio doors in the back garden of her home in Hastings on 15 February. Mr Jenkins and his wife, Lois, held a press conference shortly after the killing on 15 February at which they said that their 10-year-old daughter was the first to discover the body of Billie-Jo.

Police to hold evidence longer
The police are to be forced to keep evidence from criminal cases for longer following the Bridgewater Four miscarriage of justice which was uncovered only after tests were made on 19-year-old evidence. The Government had planned to introduce a new law that would require police forces to keep all evidence for a minimum of three years. At present there are no time limits, But the Bridgewater case, in which three men spent 18 years in jail for a murder they did not commit, with another man who died while in prison, has prompted the Home Office to reconsider their **Jason Bennetto** 

#### THE INDEPENDENT ABROAD

AustriaSch40	N1lands PI5.00
Belgum8Fr8Q	taly L4,500
CananesPts300	Madeira Esc32S
CyprusC£1.20	Marta 43 cents
Denmark Dkr18	Norway Nkr20
Irish Rep45p	Portugal Esc325
FranceFr14	Spain Pos300
GermanyDM4.5	SwedenSkr21
Greece Dr450	Switzerland . Str4.00
Lamentanes (DCO)	1354 43.00

**UVERSTAS SUBSCRIPTIONS** Air mail, 13 weeks Europe £110.76; Zone 1 UAxis East, America, Africa and India) £184.06; Zone 2 |Far East and Australesia: £206.70. To order, please send List to 43 Milharbour, Lorston £14 9TR or telephone 0171-538 8268, Credit cards welcon

BACK ESSUES Historic Newspapers, telephone 01988 840370.



Sifiso at Heathrow with Mrs Stopford (left) and her daughter, Nicole (Photograph: Reuters)

## Zulu boy allowed to stay in Britain with foster mother

Zulu boy who was brought up by a white foster mother in England but subsequently returned. by the courts to his natural parents in South Africa will stay in Britain, it emerged yesterday.

Sifiso Masango, 12, returned to Salome Stopford, the white woman he calls "Mother" last December, with the consent of his natural parents

Mrs Stopford, 50, a widow who employed the boy's parents when she lived in South Africa, had cared for him since he was 18 months old. She brought him to Britain In March 1992 when she took British citizenship and his parents agreed, for the benefit of his education, on condition that they could visit him and that he maintained his South African links.

They began efforts to have their son returned after him. The decision that Sifiso should be returned to South Africa to live with his natural parents came at

he returned to his natural parents, in the Transvaal,

Siliso was eventually returned to South Africa after being removed from one flight at Heathrow airport because he was so upset. Mrs Stopford had remained in touch with the boy's parents, hoping that they would allow him to return, which they did after pressure from the boy himself, last December.

Since then he has not returned to South Africa and yesterday the case returned to the Family Division of the High Court. Mr Justice Kirkwood was told, in a private hearing, that agreement had been reached that Sifiso will, with his natural parents' consent, remain living with Mrs Stopford in Maida Vale, west London. Part of the agreement, however, is that he will remain a ward of the High Court.

In a brief statement issued after the hearing, solicdiscovering in 1994 that Mrs Stopford had tried to adopt. Itors Mishcon de Reya, who acted for Siftso, seid: "in December 1996 Siviso returned to this country to spend Christmas with Mrs Stopford and her family.

an Appeal Court hearing last May.

Then, the Court of Appeal held that although the boy had lived in England and had known the Mrs Stopford who had brought him up as "Mother" he should However, Siviso will be visiting South Africa from time to time to keep in contact with his natural parents."

Dustman's holiday

in the hottest spot

A dustman threatened with death hy rebels in war-torn Rwanda has returned to his Midlands home -

John McBride, of Kidderminster

world's troublespots for his holldays. But the 52-year-old - who

has a 27-year history of travelling to dangerous places - said his trip to

the Rwandan capital Kigali was the

but it was a picnic compared to

"I thought El Salvador was bad;

closest he has come to death.

Kigali. Still, I'd go back there

The middle-aged adventurer caught a hus from Kerrya fo

Uganda, where he obtained a visa

to enter the Rwanda, currently e

war-zone. "Everybody warned me

that I could be killed, but that just

"In other civil wars, the fighters

have worn uniforms, but over there

they all wear the same rags so you

The binman, who works for Wyre Forest district council, has visited

El Salvador, Afghanistan, Vietnam,

Guatemale and Cambodia.

just have to watch whose giving

tomorrow if I could.

got me more excited.

you funny looks."

saying it was his dream trip.

Norcestershire, picks out the

#### Couple reunited in Bafta award nominations

Ralph Flennes, star of the acclaimed new film The English Patient, and his estranged wife, Alex Kingston (right), star of ITV's adaptation of Moll Flanders, have both been nominated for Bafta awards, Britain'e Oscars for film and television. Since thecouple split up, Fiennes has been romantically linked with the actress Francesca Annis.

The English Patient, a wartime love story also starring Briton Kristin Scott Thomas, has been nominated for 13 British Academy awards - one more then the Oscar nominations earlier this month.

Its director Anthony Minghella is honoured in the best film, best director and best adapted screenplay categories. A spokesman for Mr Minghelie sald: "It really is a tremendoue tribute to the effort everyone put in to making thie film. It was a huge struggle."

The English Patient nearly did not get made because its finance disappeared e matter of days before filming in Italy began. Other film actors and directurs

shortlisted include director Mike Leigh, and Brenda Blethyn and Timothy Spall for Secrets end Lies, Sir Ian McKellen for his title role performance in Richard III, Shine star Geoffrey Rush and veteran Paul Scofield for The Cru-

In the TV section Alex Kingston is joined by Prime Suspect 5 star Helen Mirren, Pauline Guirke for The Sculptress, and Gina McKee for Our Friends in the North, in the best actress TV category.

The BBC's Our Friends In the North has been recognised twice in the best TV actor slot, with Peter Vaughan and Chris Eccleston

## briefing

#### TRANSPORT

#### Air disasters to become commonplace, EU warns

One major air crash every week could be the norm within 31 years ingless safety standards are improved, a European Parliament report warns. It points to an alarming rise in accidents and mid-air near misses in the last year, and says increasing demand for air

transport threatens to undermine safety.

The report calls for the setting up of an EU Air Sufety Board and the use of EU-wide transport guidance systems. Its author.

Conservative MEP Anne McIntosh; said: "Cheaper air fares must not come at the expense of passenger safety."

Her report, to be considered by the European Parliament's transport committee before going to Strasbourg for approval next month, says 1996 was a particularly bad year, with 75 fatal accidents worldwide, compared with an annual average of 66.2 throughout the 1980s. Deaths rose by 73 per cent to 1.59. compared with an average of 1,136 in the 1980s.



#### FOOD

#### Shoppers misled by packaging

Packaging which edvertises the potential health benefits of particular foods is unhelpful to consumers and should be hunned, research by the Netional Consumer Council claims today. The distinction between such unregulated claims and nutritional information - which is subject to statutory guidelines - is

irrelevant to shoppers, the NCC says.

NCC chairman David Hatch said: "Far from helping people choose a healthier diet, our research shows that food claims may actually get in the way of consumers' understanding of what they eat." The NCC stressed the need for a rethink of food pack claims such as "helps maintain a healthy heart" or "can actively improve your digestion".

Consumers are often confused or misled by technical jargon. And the more information crammed on to a food pack, the more likely shoppers are to switch off. Lists and tables are particularly impenetrable, says the report, Messages on Food.

#### **PRISONS**

#### Mental problems behind bars

Up to one in three male prisoners has mental problems, according to a report out today. One in four say they have deliberately harmed themselves, while one in 25 say that they have had a sever;

The "worrying" statistics are highlighted in a report of a multi-agency team, the Wessex Group. It screened 1.300 incoming prisoners - 400 of them on remand - over three years at Winchester Prison.

The group's profile of a prisoner with mental health problems showed that he was more likely to have previous convictions; to be returning for an offence of violence; to have had drink or drug problems and to he facing homelessness on release.

#### State-to-private switch is costly

Switching welfare protection from the state to private insurance could result in milions of average and low-earners having to pay more from their cover. After analysing data from 10,000 adults looking et cover for mortgage payments, long-term care or to replace income during long-term sickness, researchers concluded that social security schemes may offer better value for mones. In the study, supported by the Jaseph Rowntree Foundation, the authors found that, to cover himself in just these three areas, a 45-year-old married man with average earnings would typically have to pay £900 a year — equivalent to 6p in the pound on income tax.

Private Welfare Insurance and Social Security: Pushing the

Boundaries, £13.45, York Publishing Services, 64 Hallfield Rd.

Layerthorpe, York YO3 7XQ. Tel: 01904 430033 Glenda Coope

#### SOCIETY

#### Asians back immigration laws

Most Asians in Britain feel the immigration laws are either fair or not tough enough, according to a poll published today. The verdict, from 61 per cent of those asked in a MORI poll for the Asian television channel, ZEE TV, explodes the myth that Asians fear crackdowns on asylum-seekers and immigrants.

The poll was the first time members of Britain's 1.5 millionstrong Asian community had been asked in detail about their political attitudes and allegiances.



**NEWSPAPERS** SUPPORT RECYCLING Recycled paper made up 41.2% of the raw material for UK newspapers

Glenda Cooper

# Definitely a catch

#### **DELL DIMENSION PIGGY**

- INTEL 166MHz PENTIUM\* PROCESSOR
- 16MB SDRAM
- 2GB HARD DRIVE
- 15"COLOUR SVGA MONITOR (13.75"VIEWABLE AREA)
- 512Kb PIPELINE BURST CACHE
- MID-SIZED DESKTOP CHASSIS
- INTEGRATED 64-BIT PCI LOCAL BUS VIDEO + 1MB VIDEO MEMORY

MICROSOFT WINDOWS 95





Some of our competitors claim to be offering better deals than us. But when it comes to offering so much for little, no one can catch us. Take the Dell Dimension™ P166v Power Platform. It comes with the awesome Intel 166MHz Pentium\*

Processor and a price tag of only £899 (£1.085.70 inc delivery and VAT). And just

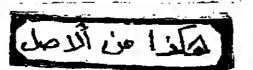
ro prove a point, it also includes a large 26b Hard Drive and a 15" monitor (13.75" vis). All in all: a better deal than anything put up by our competitors. Call us roday on 01344 724 693 and talk to the

world's largest direct PC manufacturer.\*



344 724693

Dell and the Dell logo are registered trademarks and Dell Outsersion to a trademark of Dell Computer Torporation. The Intel Inside logo and Pennum are registered trademarks of the Professional 95 are registered trademarks of the Prof thinged or E25 1729 37mc VAT1 per system. Finance is available subject to samu. Full details available on request Prices correct at date of publication. The photographed product may not obvious match the appendications in this advent. Prices quoted refer to specifications are subject to samu. Full details available on request Prices critical the information of going to press. Prices change lifequently All prices and specifications are subject to change without prior nonce or obligation. Offer available for all



# End of the line for state-owned Tube

## Service of the servic Sale to release cash for repairs

sters to become

nplace, EU warns

Processes of the second second

the form of the second second

the appropriate the second of the second of

misled by packaging

oferetises the potential health benefits of

scially fight to consequences and should be be

afficement a commence of course of chairms today in

\* where the civilates of crimes and untitled

the in earlies of the eliminates guidefilten is

there is the beautiful but from helping page of the four trace of the box of that food closes

mat of ourthing of the best anding of the

seems the mention are think of lead path

Beinen a freithe fo art, ot cen remigie

enticement of feature or featifiers maffin

equestions as attention on to a final pack, then

for american all best on butter are parties

oblems behind bars

Transport Correspondent

The Government yesterday sought to sweep away the last vestiges of a state-owned transport system when it amounced that the London Underground system would be sold off.
After relinquishing the state's

hold over ports, aidines, motor industry and, most recently, the railways, the Government will privatise the world's oldest underground rail system. The move will return the system to private hands almost 60 years after it was nationalised. Because of the poor state of

the 255-mile network, Sir George Young, Secretary of State for Transport, announced that the money raised by the sell-off would be ploughed back into the cash-strapped system which ferries 2.7 million people around Loudon every day. Built in the great rail rush of

the Victorian era, the Uoderground grew to be one of the wonders of the Edwardian age. Electrified by private capital before many nations had any railways, it has been run down by successive governments.

The sell-off is seen as a ma-

ior victory over the Treasury, which has opposed "ring fencing" privatisation proceeds.
But Sir George convinced Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, that without the assurances the privatisation would have hit

Today, forced to survive on half the grant which it requires, the system is more a triumph of financial, than engineering, wizardry. The Underground has been plagued by shut downs, caused by old cables and worn

out signalling.

Last week, the funding crisis privatised:

Sir George sa forced Tube managers to shelve Sir George said the sale promore than 200 schemes, owing ceeds would help clear that favours the British Rail model, present management, which is levels. A detailed plan of the off an with a "Tubetrack", owning the privately opposed to the sell-off, sell-off will be outlined in a bility"



The end of the line or a new beginning. An outof-commission tube train sits forlowly at Ongar Station in Essex - once the end of the

1994 of the six miles of track north of Epping. Now, however, there are plans to reopen it un-

cash. London Underground's 'most of the money left over stations, track and signalling and directors also revealed that the would be set aside for public the lines leased out. Sir George ailing system would need £1.2bn The Government is considto clear the backlog of irrgentindividually. There would be no shortage ering three options for pri-

ly-required work. However, the proposals varising the Underground. One mean that the system will not receive any more cash until it is tral Office, would be to sell it the system will not receive any more cash until it is tral Office, would be to sell it the system will not receive any more cash until it is tral Office, would be to sell it the system will not receive any more cash until it is tral Office, would be to sell it the system will not receive any more cash until it is tral Office, would be to sell it the system will not receive any more cash until it is tral Office, would be to sell it the system will not receive any more cash until it is tral Office. as a single business.

is also considering selling lines

track, stations and signalling,

vately own and run part of the line. Mr White,

would also be allowed to bid. The Government believes the policy will be a vote-winner. London's transport system would get a regulator that would oversee a new-look operator; the popular go-anywhere Travelcards would be retained; and private managers

The Prime Minister, John Major, said the move would give the capital a "world class" Tube network. But in the Commons,

White Paper this summer,

Tony Blair, the Labour leader. allow Londoo Uoderground to clashed with Mr Major, saying receipts from the sale of the fund projects by issuing bonds. This has coabled Hong Kong's Tube might go into the Treasury would have to guarantee service coffers. Labour called the sell-levels. A detailed plan of the off an "abdication of responsi-"mass transit" system make

Labour figures were last night holding talks with London Underground officials about Labour's pledge to find private investment for expansion on the Tube. One option would be to

Photograph Brian Hams

service on the disused section. Along with part-

velopments plans to spend up to £2m restoring

## Mixed reaction to Tory plans

David Garfinkel

Tory plans to privatise the Tube received a mixed reaction from Loodon travellers vesterday. Passengers on the District End echoed Labour sentiments that a privatised network would soon collapse, as public assets were sold cheaply and

investment delayed. Michael Shneck, 23, a marketing assistant, believed the policy would kill off the Government's re-election hopes. "If they privatise the system, investment will slowly dry up, and when that happens the tube will probably end up closing down

altogether," he said.
The Government was simply passing the huck, said Alexander Middleton, 79, from Whitechapel. "The plans stink. They have let the service become so run down over the years, that now the only thing they can do is relinquish all responsibility for it.

They have got all the mon-cy in the world for guns and bullets, but when it comes to simple things that the public want investmeot in, like the Underground and NHS, they have

nothing."
In the City, where stations are generally cleaner and services more frequent than in the suburbs, passengers were less scathing of the Tory plans. Rush-hour professionals generally agreed that if investment was guaranteed, then privatisatioo might be a solution especially as London Underground is faced with budget cuts of £700m over the next three

Lucy Green, 29, a merchant banker, said the problem with private ownership is that assets are sold off too cheaply. "If they could ensure money was put back into the system then it might work. "But surely the end result of a scheme like this is that a few individuals end up making more mooey for themselves," she said

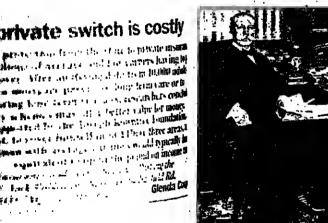
Constance Abeog, 25, a postgraduate student, said the Tube had deteriorated in the last few years. "Why can't the Gov-ernment find the money to update the system themselves. I preferred it seveo years ago when it was a cheap, effective and simple way to travel."

At the end of the line in the Tory heartland of Richmood. travellers gave their hlessing to the Government's policy, as they saw private enterprise as the last hope for the service.

John Irvine, a manager at BT,

said: "If that is what it takes theo it is a good thing. I think the Underground does its job, and compared to other countries we have a good system - but there is certainly room improvement."

# Network built on the greed and nerve of a robber baron



- Permit

ck immigration laws

NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING The Artist Hopks out to Up 112's The Pres material for the newspite In the first had at 1996

to buy old junk and fix it up'

Sir George Young's announcement that. London Underground is to be privatised was met by a predictable chorus of op-position from Labour MPs, union lead-

ers and commuter organisations.
Yet there is nothing new about developing the Thibe with private money. The modern electric underground network owes its origins to the greed and sheer oerve of an American buccaneer called Charles Tyson Yerkes, who arrived in London in 1900 to cash in on what he saw as the huge untapped monopoly of a modern transport system in a great

Yerkes, who had already served a jail term for embezzlement, was fleeing from the authorities in Chicago, where he ran the streetcar system for 15 years, but had also run into debt and the Mafia.

His business maxim had proved to be his undoing. "The secret of success in my line of work," he would say, "is to buy old junk; fix it up a little, and unload it

onto other fellows."

The "robber baron", as he was known, arrived in London at the age of 63, with a vision and a mistress. His vision was to take the capital out of the steam and horse age into the electric era, and to cash m on rising property values by extending his lines into the rapidly ex-

panding suburbs. Yerkes settled in the Waldorf to drum up investment, while his 23-year-old mistress, for whom he had once bought a bed from the King of the Belgians costing \$80,000, set up in the Savoy, where it is said that she became a model for more than one Henry James heroine.

Yerkes electrified the loss making Dis-trict Line, ordered new carriages mod-

elled on American trams and cut back nationalisation and merger with the on the seating to cram in more passengers. Tube carriages are still known by the American oame "cars" because of their Yerkes origins. His power station built at Lots Road in Chelsea is the one that still supplies (and frequently cuts off) the entire London Underground today.

He bullied and cajoled his backers into providing the cash to build the great Tube lines - the Bakerloo, the Piccadilly and the Northern line. The Piccadilly, opened in 1906, was his great glory - the longest in the capital and the first with an escalator. A man with a wooden leg was paid to ride it all day long to prove to a sceptical public that it was safe.

Before that the money had run out, and Yerkes was not to live to see the heyday of the private Underground company, which eventually ran all the lines except the Metropolitan until

buses in 1933.

The cost of burrowing under the Hampstead hills to build the Northern line had proved too great and he died in 1905. His creditors reclaimed his Park Avenue house in New York and the Yerkes Observatory on Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, which be had ordained should cootain the largest telescope in the world.

An eminent railway historian wrote of him: "His interest in railways as railways was absolutely nil. He neither knew nor cared about the day-to-day methods of operation, safety methods and such like. His sole and only concern was the accounts". It is on to Yerkes' railway, substantially unchanged in any of these respects, that MPs step every day at Westminster statioo as they make their way to and from the House.

#### Tube lines

The famous London Underground logo – a circla with a bar running through it - was introduced in 1905 by tha London General Omnibus

Travelcards, which allow virtually untramelled travel in the capital and now considered sential by Londoners, wen introduced in 1983. In 1994, London Transport

reported its first annual operating profit - of £5m. The Tube's 11 lines carry more than 2.5 million people along 266 stations every day. It reaches out into Buckinghamshire in the north, Essex in the east,

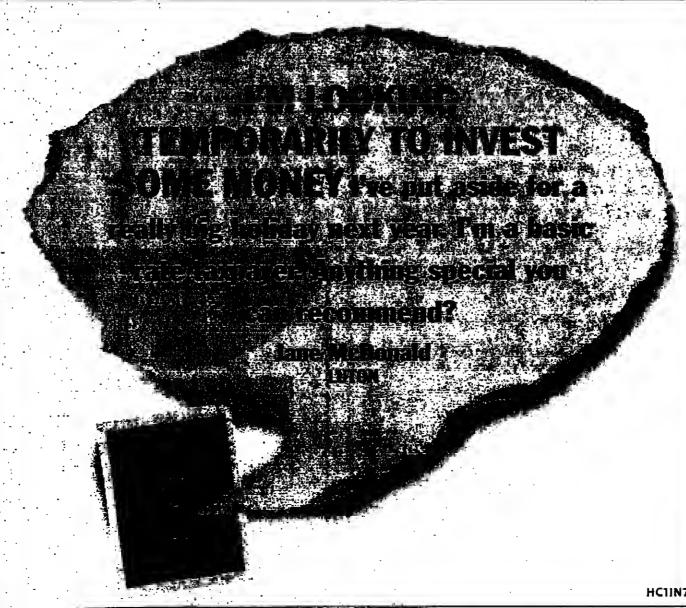
leathrow Airport in the west.

Surrey in the south and

SAVINGS Investment Ideas

YOU MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR SAVINGS AND **INVESTMENTS** 

HELPING





HC1IN7

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

SCORING THE EXCHANGES

Blair

Major refused to step into the ring with Blair Major over Tube privatisation, referring him to Sir George Young's imminent statement. His only jab al Blair was to compare his attitude to ivatisation with that of North Korean President Kim II Sung.

When Major refused to answer a narrow question, Blair tried a broader one, and then a broader one still. The narrow ones were perlinent, but Blair might have concentrated on just one to better effect.

THEMES OF THE DAY

 Defence of Sir Edward Heath by Labour MPs, (Barry Sheerman, Lab, Huddersfield: Dale Campbell-Savours, Lab, Workington) Privatisation of London Underground (Sir Michael Shersby, C, Uxbridge) Tory splits on Scottish devolution (John Home Robertson, Lab., East

 Cloning Dolly the sheep (Chris Davies, LD, Littleborough and Saddleworth)

BLAIR'S ATTACK

Earlier yesterday, the Chancellor had pledged to use some profits from the Tube sell off to reduce the public sector debt. Blair highlighted the contradiction between this and Transport Secretary Sir George Young's pledge that any proceeds would be invested in transport. Major hid behind the imminent Commons statement on the issue and declined to answer. Blair went on to broaden the attack: "what happens if the proceeds do not cover the investment requirement?" With a little more justification, Major again told him to wait for the Statement.



Chris Davies reminded the House of life beyond the next were planned with other nations to ensure adequate controls on

derstand the logic that seems to say that Britain is winning, but it's time for a change. Does that mean you want to be losers?" he asked Major. THE QUIP OF THE DAY Home Robertson on Tory splits on the constitution: "Can he

SW) question backfired: "I can't un-



remember when his two predecessors (Baroness Thatcher and Sir Edward Heath) last agreed with each other about anything, and how has he got himself into the position where he appears to disagree with both of them? And is he ab-solutely sure that Britain's fossilised constitution is the securest ground to choose for Major's last stand?" THE UNANSWERED QUESTION Sheerman referred to Conservative criticism of Sir Edward Heath's recent comments on Government policy: "Does he

agree with me that such attempts to vility the Father of the

House actually do great damage to the democratic process?" Major replied that Sir Edward had "had a long and distinguished career, and we both admire him and are fond of

THE CREEP OF THE DAY

The plethora of questions on plans to privatise London Underground would not have been complete without an endorsement of previous privatisation's from a Tory back bencher. Shersby obliged: "Would my Rt. Hon, friend agree that the privatisation of British Rail has been a great success? It was so successful that it has confounded its critics."

Compiled by Ben Summers

there are nine weeks to go here at the Dunlegislatin resthome, before the electorate gives someone a mandate for a whole new set of policies. Many of the inmates here are readying themselves for extinction, others to meet glory in more agreeable ways. All agree that - for the time-being at least - their innovating days are over. All it seems, except for Sir George Young, the Secretary of State for Transport, , who yesterday made. a statement to the House on the Government's proposals for the future of Londoo Underground.

Sir George is a phenomenon. With his gentle voice, slightly distressed expression, immense height and thinness, he looks like the descendant of a Victorian union between an adventurous aristocrat and a giraffe. Found in the jungle, like Tarzan of Greystoke before him, he has come to Britain to start a new life. That is why he has trouble with those funny ticket machines at

tube stations - they don't have them on East African plains. This loftiness might also explain why Sir George has failed to notice that there is an election pending, and thus no chance of this Parliament deciding anything about London Underground.

As a result, he is in danger of asking his civil servants to do a lot of expensive work, of hiring a large number of extremely wellpaid consultants, and forcing London Underground into oumerous emergeocy management seminars with sharp-suited trainers - all for nothing.

## Law of the jungle goes Underground

Or could it be that - far from not being aware of the election the charcoal giraffe is aware of practically nothinglelse? That he, along with his cabinet colleagues - having devoted all the tasty leaves at the bottom of the privatisation tree - is now forced to stretch his neck as far as possible in order to nitible at the topmost, scrubbiest foliage? (Not even nibble, indeed; but mere-ly promise to nibble if re-elected). That what he is doing is emoying a whole ministry to undertake a feasibility study for the Conservative election manifesto - at taxpayer's expense?

his words "mind the gap" between his radical proposals for all tracting investment to the Tabe, and Labour's rather hopeful. ideas for nice partnerships between kind businesses and wite service providers, which will magic money into the system.

Not that Andrew Smith, the shadow Transport Secretary, raised the question of the giraffe's timing. Small, tan-haired and becthe browed, Mr Smith has a voice problem, which is all the more noticeable since he sits next to the greatest classical actress of her generation - Glendo. The words "nasal" and "high" do want! justice to the grating timbre and unusual production of Mr Smain's vocal output. His tones emerge with difficulty from a point just between his eyes and - as he becomes agitated - seem to pro-

ject themselves from the top of his head.

Mr Smith compensates for this by rattling his words out with great speed, ensuring that there are plenty of hyperbolic damnations - on the principle that if you miss a dozen or so. you still won't lose the thread. The overall effect vesterday was

that of an angry meerkat doing its yappy best to tear the throat out of his lanky and largely oblivious opponent.

But Sir George is an onflappable beast. How could anything worry a man who can simultaneously state that he has no idea. whether the tube system should be sold off as one, or spilt up-and yet can promise that pensioners' concessionary fare will Certainly sir George was very keen that electors should, in exist in perpetuity? On second thoughts, an election might.

# Heseltine predicts 60-seat victory

#### Deputy PM expects by-election protest vote

Political Editor

A Conservative Commons majority of more than 60 seats after the general election was predicted by Michael Heseltine, the deputy prime minister, in Wirral South yesterday, after he had repeated his warning that the Tories could expect a protest backlash in tomorrow's

Conservative strategists, who appear to have written off the reviously safe Tory seat, believe John Major has a good chance of holding on to office in a May general election.

While Mr Heseltine said in the Wirral village of Thornton Hough that the Tory majority in the election would be "60 and oudging up", party strategists said a "lesser win" would be enough - a hung parliament in which the Conservatives remained the largest party but without an overall majority. In that event, one senior

Conservative said Mr Major would seek to govern with the support of Ulster Unionist MPs, Labour would fall apart in a bout of acrimonious blood-let-

anincredible

00 pages worth of FREE

THE PPF700 & PPF800 PLAIN PAPER FAX

MACHINES FOR THE PRICE OF A THERMAL.

At just £399 inc VAT the PPF700 gives you everything you need in a plain paper fax for the

same cost as an inefficient thermal fax machine. While at £429 inc VAT the multifunctional PPF800 gives you everything you need to run an efficient office including a printer\*.

scanner\* fax and digital answer machine. And both faxes plug straight into your existing

**PLAIN SAVINGS** And when you buy the PPF700 or PPF800 and join Mercury's VentureCall service get

money off your first bill - enough to cover the cost of sending 500 one page faxes with the

special VentureCall package. But that's not all, with the VentureCall fax package you can

make dramatic savings of 60% when you send one page national faxes. For plain savings for -

AVAILABLE AT ALLDERS, COMET. CURRYS SUPERSTORES, DIXONS, MAPLINS,

OFFICE WORLD, PC WORLD, STAPLES, TANDY, TEMPO & THE LINK

Add VerturaCuli and it's special fax tariff to your BT lines and you will save 60% against BT basis rates on one page retroral faxes of 60 seconds duration made between 8 om and 6 pm Monday to Finday. "Requires PC Fax Software. (One page national faxes of up to 60 seconds duration sent between 8 am and 6 pm Monday to Finday. Offer ends June 30th, 1997.

line. For the plain facts call Betacom on 0990 673 906.

your business call Mercury on 0500 200 913 and quote B96 BET.

MERCURY

A MEMBER OF THE CABLE & WIRELESS GROUP

ting, and Britain could well go
into the 21st century with the
this country's economy in one Tories facing a newly created of the most exciting prospects alliance of moderate Labour I can remember and when faced and the Liberal Democrats.

Forecasting an unexpected risk that prosperity, they will not for win in the general election, vote for the Labour Party." as opposed to the drubbing expected by everyooe for the Tories in Wirral South tomorrow, Mr Heseltine told The Independent: "You have made this mistake before.

You are confusing the decision about who governs the country in a general election and the protest that people indulge in, in other circumstances, either with polisters or by-elections, whatever it may be."

Mr Heseltine said at the start of the campaign that there was a by-election "culture" in which the voters kicked the Government party. But he said yesterday that

there was a totally different cul-ture in geoeral elections. People ask different questions in these two alternative circumstances. When people go to vote in a geoeral election they

know that the consequence of

that vote is to elect for five years

a government.

with a Labour Party that would

The distinction between this week's by-election and the general election was being stressed heavily by senior Conservatives yesterday. They argued that they remained firmly in the running for victory in May's election contest.

It was argued that the polls were being misinformed, hecause being a Conservative was more unfashionable than it had been in 1992, and people were therefore reluctant to disclose their real voting intentions to the pollsters; a Labour victory would require an unprecedented swing, and Tony Blair would need to win more than 60 seats to overcome the Tory majority and the houndarychange hurdles, all at a time when the economic climate was "more favourable than it has ever been before".

In addition, one source said. Labour could lose seats in Scotland and the Liberal Democrats could also lose seats in Scotland and elsewhere.

The source said even if there was a "lesser win", with a hung parliament that left Mr Major n office, that would be enough, because the "golden boy lure" of Mr Blair would have been destroyed and a realignment of the left forced, which would wipe out the last vestiges of Labour's

Mr Major, it was said, would have defied the pundits by winning the election at all.

One confident Tory source made the point yesterday that after the last election, The Independent carried a cartoon showing Mr Major driving a fairground dodgem, with Labour and the Liberal Democrats standing to one side. asking when it would be their turn. The Prime Minister was telling them: "We're not playing turns anymore."



Mr Heseltine with Wirral South Tory candidate Les Byrom

# Tories snap up directorships

Fran Abrams

Political Correspondent

Ex-ministers and Conservative MPs who are leaving the Comhave taken on a raft of directorships and public posts to fill their time, the latest Register of Members' Toterests has re-

High on a list of 15 retiring Tories who have taken on new outside interests since the last register was published 10 months ago are Kenneth Baker, the former Home Secretary, John Patten, the former Education Secretary and Tun Ren-ton, the former Chief Whip.

Mr Patten, who is giving up his Oxford West and Abingdon seat, has become a non-ex- the Royal Opera House, to

McAlpine PLC.
Mr Baker has added a non-

executive directorship of Milleanium Chemicals Incorporated to his existing list of five seats on boards, and has become an adviser to Mercury PLC on the worldwide cable industry. He already advises ICL, and the Harris Parliamentary Panel. though his fee from Harris is sent to a drugs charity of which he is patron. He has also become honorary chairman of

the Museum of British History. Mr Renton, who holds a directorship and two consultancies, has become chairman elect of the Sussex Downs Conservation Trust. A former arts minister, he accepted free tickets to

Glyndebourne and to Wimble-

don last year. Richard Needham, a former Northern Ireland and trade minister, already lists four directorships, a consultancy and membership of Lloyds' in addition to shares in a packaging company. John Butcher, a former education minister, has become a non-executive director of Pertemps recruitment agency.

Other Conservative MPs who have taken oo new directorships in the run-up to retirement include Sir Julian Critchley, the memher for Aldershot, Sir Michael Marshall, member for Arundel, Robert Banks, member for Harrogate, Patrick Mc-Nair-Wilson, member for New Forest and Dudley Fishburn, member for Kensington.

Derek Foster, the shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, criticised the Conservative MPs for taking on new jobs. The rats are fleeing the sinking ship. Just weeks before the election, ontgoing Tories are leaving no stones unturned in their search for lucrative junkets in their Parliamentary after-

Tony Blair, who last year received gifts of a Fender Stratocaster guitar from the British Phonographic Industry and a rug from Benazir Bhuno, former Prime Minister of Pakistan, this year had to make do with cuf-flinks from the South African Chamber of Business. This year, Ms Bhutto chose to give a rug to the Liberal Democrat leader,

#### Are you paying too much for vehicle rescue?

CHOOSE FROM & LEVELS OF COVER? Recovery only £29.50 Roadside assistance £38.00 £65.50 Comprehensive Total pratection £89.50

> 0800 001 353 quoting ref IN A3106

Call free now on

Green Flag WE LLAVE EVERTORE STANDING BUT YOU

### \* THE INDEPENDENT Win a BUPA

Plus a £30 discount BUPA Health Screens are for every reader

health assessment which is importance of a healthy lifestyle devised specifically to provide and how you can achieve it. positive health programmes for men and women. Everyone bas BUPA is affering one

an overview of your all round worth at least £340. Then you will be assigned your a £30 discount. own personal health adviser To enter, simply dial the

designed not only to detect any health problems but also to BUPA has developed a new emphasise the benefits and

Health Screen

a comprehensive medical screen lucky Independent reader u involving over 40 tests giving complementary Health Screen state of health and fitness, addition, all callers will receive

to help plan your own number below, answer the improvement programmes and question on line and leave your

#### 0930 567

OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 0800 616029

# · Patients alerted after HIV tests by bogus doctor

97 . THE INDEPENDENT

con this radio al proposate for all a part I about a rather hopeful across and wife contact the section.

of the received of control and many to the state of triatist of proclimation of Mestage

the strict of th

there are thems of inhelidic

the transfer the transfer the tentor of the the of early they was a second of the entire post to tent the third spatial forms. How could anything Agreements of the three flee that the third

that the section of a collector spile up.

specific resemble the same faces will

A hunt began yesterday for up to 500 people who may have been given maccurate tests for HIV infection, sexually transmitted diseases and cervical cancer by an unregistered doctor. Health service executives

urged clients of Iketam Clinical Laboratory Services in Balham, south London, to seek help immediately after Sir Kenneth Calman, the Government's Chief Medical Officer, wrote to GPs warning that the laboratory's diagnoses may be incorrect.
The health alert centres

round inquiries which have established that Nigerian-born Godwin Onubogu, 56, who was practising at the laboratory, is not a registered medical

In a joint statement, the South Thames NHS Executive and the Merton, Sutton and Wandsworth Health Authority. alleged yesterday that Mr. Onubogu ran Iketam as a private concern for nine years, offering testing and advice on various conditions, including sexually transmitted diseases and HIV infection".

In his alert to doctors, Dr Calman said: "Some patients may need counselling. Others may

se-genito urinary laboratory did not conduct medicine clinics as they may have been inaccurately diag-

nosed as having gonorrhea.

Others may have had HIV tests, the results of which may not be reliable, and may need referral to HIV services". He said those affected may not be limited to the Balham area but could haif from other parts of London, the South-east or even abroad.

Dr Sue Atkinson, director of public health at the executive, said: "We are concerned about the information that some people may have been given by Mr Onubogu and so we are trying to contact his chents and former clients to alert them to the need to seek professional medical advice. The best route for this would be through their GP.

"Iketam is not an NHS laboratory, so we do not have details of the clients. The police ... have the names and addresses of some clients. We have given the police letters to enclose with the ones they are sending to these people. This still leaves many clients who we cannot contact and who may not live in the local area."

The NHS executive said only people who actually visited Iketam's premises at Swan House, 207 Balham High Road, needneed referral to sexually trans- ed to seek further help as the

diagnoses on samples sent from other doctors.

"We don't want to cause a anic among people who have had HIV tests and may worry that their tests were sent off to this laboratory - they weren't," said Kate Wilcox, a spokeswoman for the NHS executive. "We only want to contact peo-ple who visited the premises.

Obviously, this is going to be an anxious time for some people, but we would urge them to con-tact their GP as soon as "Iketam was a private laboratory, so it was nothing to do with us. We are involved be-

public health." The health authorities have set up a helpline, on 0800 174846, for anyone who has received treatment, testing or diagnosis at the Iketam laboratory. It is understood the facility is now closed.



Stiding scale: The American tenor, Thomas Randle, abseils down a 90ft face at The Castle Climbing Centre, north London, yesterday in preparation for the English National Opera production of The Country of the Blind, based on a story by HG Wells Photograph: Andrew Buurman

# Schools chief attacks the 'me' culture

Lucy Ward

In his annual lecture, he rethat he attended had been uuderpinned by belief in fortitude and the understanding that pain and adversity should be confronted with courage. "Thirty years on we live in a society which neither inentions nor believes in anything resembling fortitude: a society characterised by what is a oarcissistic

pre-occupation with self." He complained of the everincreasing reliance on therapists and counsellors to bolster selfconfidence. In such a climate, pupils were unwilling to submit themselves to hard work and to

persevere in the face of failure.
"Is it surprising that swimming against an aspect of the cultural tide which militates against the very psychological condition upon which education depends our teachers find it dif-ficult to keep affoat?\*\* the Co 

Society's refusal to admit that objective knowledge exists was linked to our longing for painless gratification, he said.

Two weeks ago at a teachertraining conference, he said, "one professor of educatioo stated with breathtaking cer-tainty that it is now absolutely clear that there is no such thing as nbjective knowledge". Such views were responsible

the state of the

131.1

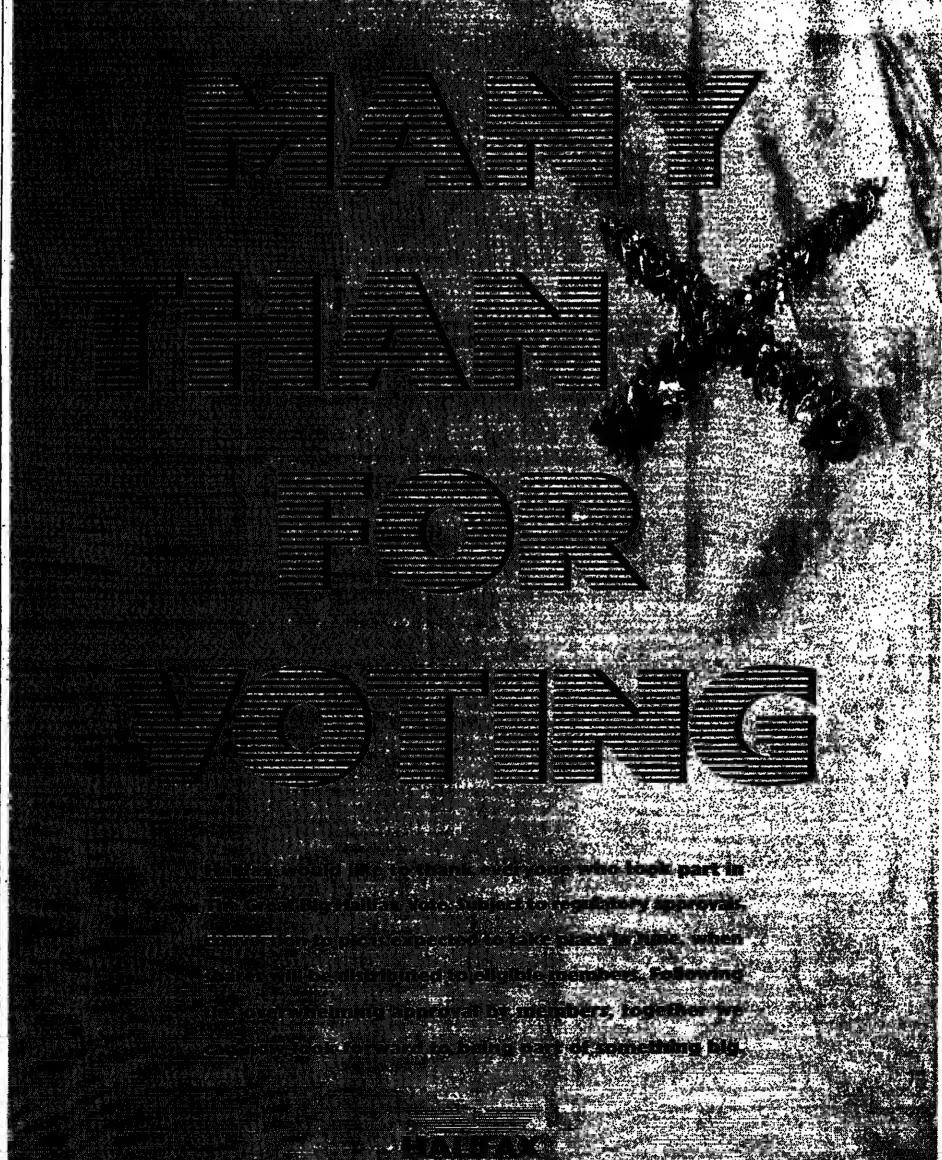
for the widespread ootioo that children should be encourage to A national culture based on self-gratification and the decline of taught. He attacked Sir. Geof-the Protestant work of the series was Holland, Permanent Sec-among the main reagns for retary at the Department for poor educational schildres. Education until three years Chris Woodhead, the decline sector of Schools, said last schools priority should be discover things from themselves

The nature of our national called that the grammar school culture, he said, went a long way to explain why we were finding it so difficult to murture the schools we needed.

But teachers must take their share of the blame. He spoke of the "orthodoxies" held by teachers and academics which were blocking improved standards. Too many teachers still subscribed to the old discovery methods and refused to accept that it was their job to pass on

a body of knowledge to pupils. He pointed to white-working class communities which had lost faith in education, partly because there were no jobs for them but partly because their children had not been taught in a systematic and rigorous way

Studying music and art could help children do better at maths and reading the Government's; curriculum chief said yesterday. Speaking at a conference in London on arts in the curricuhum, Dr Nick Tate said studies in the United States, showed that pupils aged 4 to 11 improved by more that 80 per cent in the three Rs over two years after receiving special tuition in the arts. Research has found the "mental stretching" involved boosted their abilities in basic



"Our Daddy phones us from **England EVERYDAY!** 

He says that it's so much cheaper with Oystel."

Daddy's right! Just look at our rates!!

GERMANY from 17p p/min JAPAN from 29p p/min

NORWAY from 18p p/min AUSTRALIA from 19p p/min INDIA from 57p p/min • U.S.A. from 10p p/min Plus: Reliable Operation - Friendly Staff - Instant FREE Connection - FREE ItemIsed Billing - Use ANY phone

- 100's of other countries available. For full details PHONE FREE NOW

Oystel Communications Limited Berkstine House, 252-256 Kings Road, Reading, Berkstine RG1 4HP Tel: 01734-569 123 Fex: 01734 569 100 Now the world's your Oyster is quoted an exchangulate per minute. Subject to VAT.

2 Te 4 1977

हेर्स्ट किस्ता<sup>हि</sup>

Anter St.

· granitation

1. 1.

MIRABLE

grante de la compania del compania del compania de la compania del compania de la compania del compania de la compania del compania de la compania del compania de la compa ganick Afric

E a 141 mare.

4

# Labour plans to outlaw gazum

Fran Abrams Political Correspondent

Gazumping – on the increase again as house prices begin to rise -would be outlawed under a Labour government, the party's environment spokesman said vesterday.

Frank Dobson announced that sellers who reneged on a deal because they had a better offer could find themselves facing the bill for their original purchaser's legal fees, survey costs and mortgage arrangement

expenses.

Mr Dobson said yesterday that there was now evidence of increasing house prices bringing a return to the phenomenon which was common during the housing boom of the 1980s. There should be protection for buyers so that they did not waste their money and then lose the house of their choice, he

suggested. Under Labour's scheme, which is being put out for con-sultation, the "jilted" party would be paid compensation if an agreement was broken. This would apply even if the purchaser pulled out because of a bad survey report or because they had found themselves in

a "chain" which collapsed. The party says it is open to suggestions as to whether the programme should be voluntary or whether it should be legally binding, though Mr Dobson said he tended to think it should

Major promised to make life easier for people buying their home. But his record shows he has no answer to the problems of house buyers, whether house prices are rising or falling.

house is one of the most stress ful things that a family can enshould try to have in place a sysa minimum," he said.

A similar scheme was pub-

lished by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, hut it added that a seller or buyer who pulled out without good reason should be subjected to punitive fines. These would force them to pay interest at 5 per cent above base rate on the value of the property for the period from the deal being struck until it was broken.

However, a spokesman for the institute welcomed Labour's plans. "We think that anything which can improve the huying environment is a good thing. As everybody knows, the house-huying process can be extremely

asked to lodge a deposit to cover costs if they should pull out, and if so, who should hold it.

Mr Dobson said the current government had no policies to help people to cope with negative equity, with mortgage arrears or with repossessions, and it was now failing to deal

with gazumping.
"At the last election, John

The process of buying a counter. So the government tem which keeps that stress to



## hen a frothy market bubbles into broken promises

**Anna Bennett** 

Paul Salmon and his wife Chris sold their house in Chiswick, west London, "in good faith" to help speed a chain. Six months later they are living with friends, paying £100 a week to keep their furniture in storage, and feel Sellers who wait for highest bidder can leave others in dire straits they have been "pushed out of chain" after placing it on the beknown to the Salmons, how-

the market by gazumpers.
The Salmons had found the market last October. The chain lingered on into the new year, and the price crept up by £2,000, but Mr Salmon, a house they wanted, also in Chiswick. The vendor had agreed to sell at £250,000, and photographer, was unworried. We couldn't see how it would so they sold their own as a sign of good faith to help "tidy up the fall through," he said. But un-

ever, the vendors' vendors, at the top of the chain, received a bid £30,000 above the original offer.

"Our vendors couldn't afford to go the extra £30,000 to match the other bid. We couldn't match £25,000 to keep the

chain intact as we'd already sold our house, so the chain collapsed," Mr Salmon said. He is left with the hitter knowledge that his own home would have risen sharply in value in the six months since

they sold it. "And we have nowhere to live." According to Alicia Casinena, senior negotiator at Keith Cardale Groves estate agents in Belsize Park, north London, experiences such as the Salmons' almost unheard of since the 1980s - have become increas-

ingly common in the past year. People are getting gazumped here because we have a huge influx of foreign huyers, around 50 per cent, who are coming in with cash. The local buyers are on a budget ... and the foreign huyers are putting the money on the table. People don't care who they sell to if they're getting £10,000-to-

£20,000 more," she said. She welcomed the possibility of compensation for gazumped buyers. "You can't help but build up a rapport with a family and when they get gazumped it is upsetting. This proposal wouldn't change the market, but it would be a hit of compensation," Ms Casingena said.

The National Association of

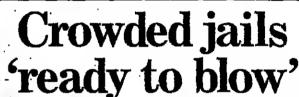
fected by gazumping, about 5 per cent of all sales. The problem is worse in London and in the Sonth-east where 10 per cent of sales is affected, but increasing levels of gazumping are also being reported in Birmingham and Manchester. Lindsay Cuthill, a director of

Savills in Fulham, said that there was "definitely room" for some sort of legislation, but added that vendors were not the only ones at fault when it came

to pulling out of sales.
"When the market is as frothy as it is, all sides are out for what they can get," he said. Very often purchasers float into your office. They think they'll make an offer ... Then they have to wait a week while their mum comes to look at it, they haven't got their mortgage organised. There are lots of reasons why the vendor shouldn't be completely tied in."

Fiona McIntosh. 26, was gazumped by £10,000 despite agreeing that the vendor, a 67year-old woman, could stay in the property until she found a new one. Her agreement had been verbal, as she had assumed that the woman would stand by her word.

Today, she says, she would not make the same mistake. "Today's society revolves around money, and nothing, Estate Agents reports that up however big a gesture of good to 50,000 sales last year were af-



Jason Bennetto Crime Correspondent

Britain's jails are becoming a "powder keg that could blow at any time and place", the prison officer's leader has warned after calling for an urgent meet-

ing with management. David Evans, general secre-tary, of the 27,000 strong Prisoo Officers' Association, has written to Richard Tilt, directorgeneral of the Prison Service, to express his concern about the security and safety of jails in England and Wales. He says the crisis has been heightened by a dramatic increase in the jail population to a record 60,000.

Mr Tilt has agreed to discuss the issue next week and has set up a special meeting next month to examine the problems

caused by over-crowding.
Mr Evans wrote to Mr Tilt last week on behalf of the POA's National Executive Committee to express "their anxiety

the safety and security of every-one working within penal in-stitutions and indeed, the

general public." The committee's warning follows the publication of a POA report earlier this week which claimed security at Broadmoor special hospital is at "breaking point". The report was sent to Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State for Health.

The Prison Service is trying to gain permission to moor a floating jail off Portland. Dorset, and conven a former Pontin's holiday camp, near Morecambe Bay, Lancashire, into a make-shift prison, to ease the crisis. Mr Evans added the Prison Service had shed 900 staff last year: "Now they are having to launch a massive recruitment programme. That's a

crazy kind of management." He warned there was a growing sense of unease in many prisons. "It has become a powder keg that could hlow at any

and concerns over the increasing prisoner population.

"We are seeking an urgent time and place".

A Prison Service spokeswoman, said: "The directormeeting with you to discuss this general has taken the letter issue as it impacts greatly not seriously and has agreed to only on the penal estate hut on meet and discuss the issue.

#### DAILY POEM

#### The Two of Them

By Hugo-von Hofmannsthal (translated by Keith Bosley)

She bore the goblet in her hand— Her chin and mouth curved like its lip; So light and steady was her gait The goblet did not even drip.

So light and steadfast was his hand: Upon a quick young horse he rode And with a careless gesture he Mastered it till it trembling stood.

But when he was about to take The same light goblet from her hand It was too heavy for them both: The two of them began to quake, Till hand by hand could not be found And dark wine spill upon the ground.

This poem appears in Eve Blassom Has Wheels: German love poerry, selected and translated by Keith Bosley (Libris, £10.95), which includes lyrics that range in date from Wolfram von Eschenbach in the 13th century to Erich Kästner in the 20th. The notes also refer to songs taken from the poems: "The Two of Them", for instance, was set by Arnold Schoenberg in 1899.



# en promis

on by a Cazumper Protegraph to

he chain out the Southeast the nom wald th the bitter mercaning leveloge SMARIN SING

this every house. He also being the on sharph on Barmandham and Ma Alkia Comme sister at Kentin and difficult embres material property of the contract of the later the a the halman. the pust year gettine, go. Markett Ministra

stable. Reophy the a time tay head Situation of the contraction of duc marky, her. 'M ' Fallike net figure that up to be a transpersent

# wded jail dy to blow

an en fat feberer all the bases of a second the negative section with the first go the first burning Contracting Property ng ma 🏂 (1966) - Pe , ne alternal (III) ga. Mag mana atau

gagilateska-tim at and a special political part State the special state of which there will engraficher (my E) the La garden eminis ad to Mr Tel affentt of the ggs being a kare New Street to 1896 77 (\* 15

Welcome to the new Midland Bank

You'll notice that we're introducing a smart new corporate identity. But the changes at Midland are more than superficial. We've taken a series of steps to ensure our customers receive the highest possible level of service. Please take the time to look around:



Midland Bank pic is regulated by the Personal Investment Authority and only advises on its own life assurance, pensions and unit trusts. Our credit facilities are subject to status. Full written details about our products and services are available from any Midland Branch or telephone 0345 180.

Member HSBC Group

# MoD braced as judges outlaw

Patricia Wynn Davies Legal Affairs Editor

The Ministry of Defence faces during a tour of duty in North-multiple claims for compensatioo after the Europeao Court of Human Rights declared yesterday that Britain's courts martial system violated the right to

The Strasbourg judges unanimously ruled in favour of a post-traumatic stress disorder Falklands veteran, Alex Findlay. 36, who held colleagues hostage at gunpoint when suffering post-traumatic stress disorder. The court martial which end-

ed his Army career breached Article 6 of the European Coovection on Human Rights, which guarantees a fair hearing by an independent tribunal.

law. Going into battle is an

or punishment is greater then

unnatural and terrifying

ear of the enemy. Until the 19th century

commanders could impose

including flogging and death arbitrarily. Therefore, trial by court martial has traditionally

been linked with the chain of

command, rather than

functioning as a separate judicial process. The strictest code of all was in the Navy.

where ships' captains had

absolute power even greate

than that of their counterparts in the Army and, later, RAF,

Traditionally, even minor infractions of discipline could

result in a court mertial, although in the British Armed

Forces nowadays minor intringements are usually dealt with by a commanding

officer - a commander is the

Navy, a lieutenant-cologiel in the Army or wing-commander in the RAF. Where ther punishment likely to be

awarded is above a certain

degree of severity, the CO

business and military discipline is designed to ensure that the fear of failure

Kilmarnock and oow living in Windsor, was a sergeant in the Scots Guards. He went berserk members of his unit at gunpoint aod threatening to kill himself. He fired two shots into a televisioo before giving himself up.

courts martial

It was subsequently discovered that he was suffering from following his experiences in the 1982 Falklands War, where he witnessed the deaths and mutilation of several friends.

In what must be ooe of the peediest impleme otations of a Strasbourg ruling, the MoD has taken steps to rectify courts martial in provisions io the 1996 Armed Forces Act which Mr Findlay, originally from comes into force on 1 April.

Discipline in the ranks Courts martial were designed asks the accused whether he for circumstances quite wishes to accept his award or different from civilian criminal elect for that by court martial.

wishes to accept his award or elect for that by court martial. Io more serious cases, such as the hunder of a Danish tour guide by Buileh soldiers hi Cyprus, civil criminal the rui take charge. A surple charged by a charge of the Navy a serior has been a been as fisher as persofiling the surple of the Navy a serior has been a been as persofiling the surple of the court as persofiling the surple of the court computing serior civilian judges, although there is no denier a right of appeal.

The 1996 armed Forces act removes his early subject that all court martial decisions can be reviewed by civilian judges. Under the reformed procedured by subject of the convenier authorities will perform a similar assignt that of the crown Prosecution Service.

Christopher Bellamy

Christopher Bellamy

But a series of other cases arising from the existing system -effectively trial by superior officer rather than independent adjudicator - are coming up.

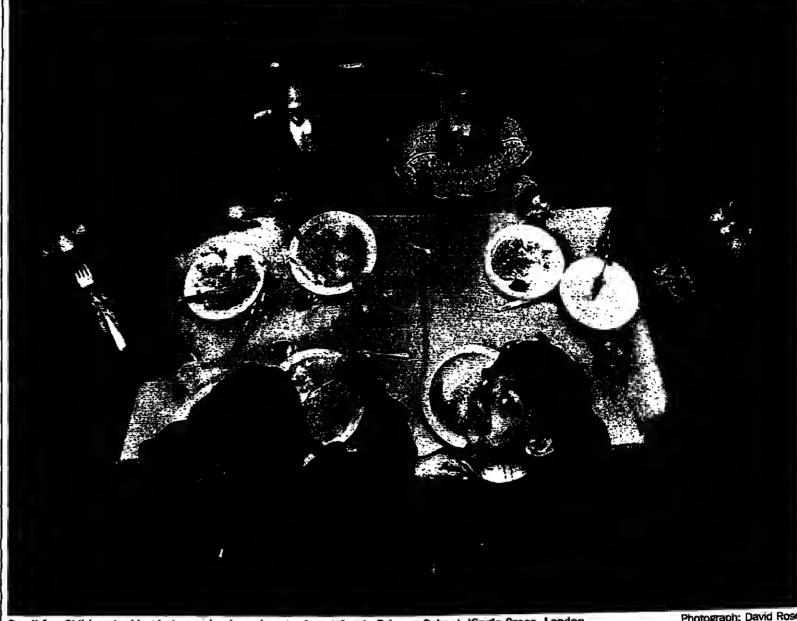
The judges pointed out that a "convening officer", a Major-General, had taken the decision to charge Mr Findlay, and was responsible for appointing the prosecuting officer and members of the court martial, all of whom were officers of lower rank and serving in units commanded by him.

Once Mr Findlay had been sentenced to two years' imprisonment, demoted and theo dismissed, his appeal went to a "confirming officer" - the same Major-General.

The judges said many of the members of the court martial, including the president, were directly or ultimately under his chain of command. Furthermore, he also acted as con-firming officer. The decision of the court martial was oot effective until ratified by him and he had the power to vary the sentence it had imposed. This was cootrary to the well-established principle that a tribunal should have the power to make a hinding decision, which could not be altered by a noo-judicial

authority."
Mr Findlay said: "I felt let down. I know I committed of-fences and I realise I had to be punished, but basically what bappeoed was the medical reports gave a reason why I was in there, but that wasn't takeo into consideration."

The court declined to award him compensation because they could not speculate on what the outcome of the court martial would have been had there been no violation. Mr Findlay had claimed more thao £440,000 in lost wages and army pension rights. But the judges awarded him costs of £24,000. ■ The Court of Human Rights yesterday rejected a claim by David Gregory, 30, from Man-chester, who is black and alleged a judge had wrongly failed to discharge a jury which had showed racial hias.



Small fry: Children tucking in to a school meal yesterday at Argyle Primary School, King's Cross, London

## Healthy school dinners – chips with every serving as long as they're not crinkle-cut Since 1988 all schools have

**Education Editor** 

Children's favourite school dinner - chips - may stay oo the menu but they should be thick or oven-cooked, according to the first government guidelines on school meals for 17 years. They should also be straight rather than crinkle-cut; because straight chips absorb less fat.

Hamburgers should be more bun and less hurger. And in spaghetti hologuese the spaghetti should far exceed the

The guidelines, produced after a series of alarming reports about the unhealthy state of Carbohydrates should account even better."

With the help sugars no more than 11 per cent. I want to see

childreo's diets, were immedi- for at least 11 per ceot. Cheryl ately condemned by unions, because they are voluntary. Legislation removed nutri-

tional standards for school meals in 1980. The new guidelines emphasise that healthy school meals are possible even on a tight budget. Schools should offer plenty of

cereals, bread and potatoes (mashed and jacket as well as chips.) Vegetables should be

lightly steamed and beans and pulses should be added to meat. Fat should account for no more than 35 per cent of the

Gillan, the schools minister, announced the changes during a visit to Argyle Primary School, King's Cross, Loodon, which has a healthy-eating policy run

by pupils oo a school council. Mrs Gillan tucked in to a plate of lasagne, potato, sweetcom and peas after turning down a fishcake. She said: "It is a fact of life that many children enjoy chips, School food has improved by leaps and bounds in recent years. Greasy chips and soggy vegetables should be a thing of the past. With the help of this guidance,

I want to see school food get

been obliged to put school meals out to competitive tender. Ben Priestley, assistant national officer for Unison, the public service union, said: "Without the necessary backing under legislation, the guidelines, however good, can still be ignored by school-meals providers, particularly those private contrac-

tors motivated by profit." He said the nutritional standards of the 4 million school meals served daily varied greatly across the country.

The Department for Education said they were not making the guidelines compulsory hecause they wanted to avoid

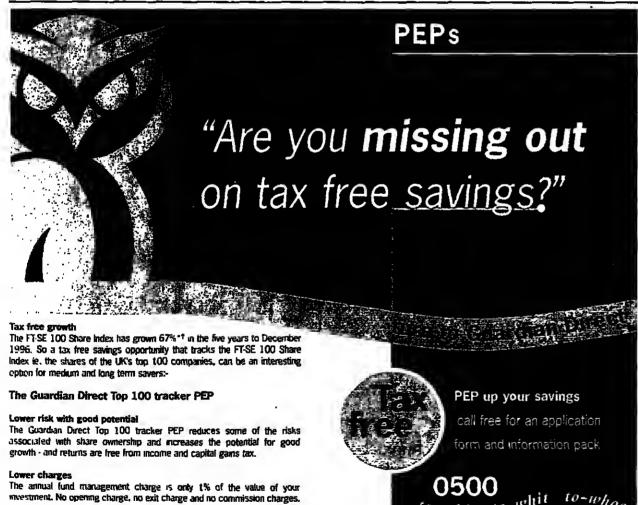
WITHOUT

oo schools. It was not for the Government to dictate the cooteot of school dinners. Labour called for nutrition-

al guidelines for school meals last summer. Research shows children have more creativity and stamina if they have a good breakfast. They make fewer mistakes in

tests and work faster. The paper, which is by David Wyon, of the National Institute for Occupational Health in Copenhagen, is hased on a study of 200 10-year-olds and was published in the International Journal of Food Science and Nutrition.

L t M I T S"



With the UK's top 100 companies The FT-SE 100 Share Index means the largest UK companies quoted on the Stock Exchange - which includes many household names that you will Guardian A flexible investmen And although a PEP is a medium to long term investment, unlike many tax free savings schemes, we never lock your money away - you can get it if you need it, with no exit penalty. be tax year ends 5 April - act new to claim your tax free PEP allewance

\* Source: Micropal

† Past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future. The value of
myestments and the income from them can go down as well as up.

Regular savings abeliantons must be received by 28 February

Start a PEP with just £30 a month or £1,000 lump sum, and invest up to

£6,000 tax free each year. Invest the easy way  $\cdot$  we'll send you all the details.

we are open Mon-Fri 8am-9pm Sat-Sun 10am-4pm

Growth of the FT-SE 100 Share Index against a typical Building Society \$2500 minimum investment, Source: Micropal 13,12,96. Offer to off

The information reflects our understanding of current legislation

and tax regulations which are both subject to change. The Guardian Direct Top 100 tracker PEP is a unit trust investment so the value of the units and income from them can go down as well as up. On the encashment of the units you may receive back less than you invested. In the event of the income from the trust being insufficient to meet the annual fund manager's fee and other **Movable expenses, then the manager reserves the right to be** remunerated from the capital value of the trust. Tax legislation may change in the future. The value of any tax relief depends upon the financial circumstances of the investor.

Guardan Direct Services Ltd in a Regressertation only of the Guardan Financial Services marketing group brillon is registed by the Personal Investment Authority for the assergance, personal and unit more botheres. Quarters Unit Aurogers Ltd is registed by 1890 in the tookust of threatment business. Scarring Dend Services Ltd and Custriant Unit Managers Ltd. Registered in England No. 445043 and 915719 Registered officer Royal Enthange Custom ECON 91.5 A member of the Guardan Royal Enthange Custom. Custom Direct Sorvices Ltd is not available in the Channel kides and by of Man. Calls may be recorded.

Ref7Y



BETWEEN OUR MEMORY AND THE SYSTEM MANUFACTURER'S.

It's a little-known fact. Kingston memory has exactly the same components, technology, and specifications as the memory. Yet it costs up to 50% less. Maybe that's why more and more computing professionals are choosing Kingston, the memory specialists. After all, Kingston is the

acturers. In fact, Kingston has licensing agreements with Sun Microsystems\* and Silicon Graphics,\*\* plus service surcements with DEC\*\* and IBM? And just to prove how confident we are in our memory, we give it a lifetime warranty To find out the name of a Kingston

value-added reseller call Kungston Technology on 0800 008 006. You'll find that our memory

7 000

world's leading manufacturer of memory. Our engineers customize the is the same as your manufacturer's Kingston design of each module according to the specifications set by workstarion

	The state of the s	
Carpary	Alleg	Telephany Namakey
Varer	Free code	Fin Humber
Assort	Number of PCs usualled to company	Yes areas July

or lunk for Kingston on the Net herp flower kingston com

# Unions to join ranks of private utilities

Labour Editor

Union leaders are today expected to make a historic break with their socialist past and endorse the creation of a TUC-backed husiness to supply union members with cut-price gas and electricity.

According to confidential documents, the company - provisionally called TUCPower would be 75 per cent owned by unions and 25 per cent by financial investors and would seek to take advantage of the deregulation of the energy supply market next year.

The idea would be to supply energy providers with the names and addresses of any of the seven million union members who declared an interest in joining the scheme. Under the plan, householders would get cheap power and unions would be paid half the profits made through fees charged by TUCPower.

A venture of this kind represents a sea-change in the attitude of unious, which have traditionally steered clear of engaging in capitalist enterprises, but it will receive a warm welcome from Labour leaders.

ruling general council, which is ple today, will argue that the venture sits uneasily with the movement's opposition to

privatisation and deregulation. But the officer corps at the left-led unions Unisoo and the T&G general union, together with the GMB geoeral union and the engineering union. Initial start-up funding is inhave ideotified no serious practical difficulties. Criticism may yet emerge from lay activists.

Tony Cooper, geoeral secre- £500,000 and £1m.

tary of the Engineers' and Managers' Association, who first floated the idea, says that if the company could capture just 1 per cent of the market, turnover would amount to £147m.

In a letter to John Monks, TUC leader, Mr Cooper says that the seven million trade unionists together with their families represent between a third and a half of the country's 21 million households.

An internal TUC memorandum argues that potentially unions have considerable hargaining power to negotiate discounts with power providers.

Mr Cooper says union members are "low risk, valuable customers" hecause by definition they are in employment. If a substantial return was made cash could be used to help unemployed members huy energy.
"We have here potentially a

way to give all members a good deal on energy purchase; ensure that the unionised companies in generation and the coal industry have access to the key market so preserving members' jobs; make a substantial amount of cash for the movement and at least get something out of yet another difficult change rather Left-wingers on the TUC's than getting stuffed by n as business passes to assorted due to back the plan in princi- foreigners, noo-unionised generators and the likes of Group 4. It will cost us nothing."

TUC officials propose that some of the surplus could be used to provide some hardship payments to trade unionists who ran into temporary difficulties in meeting energy hills. tended to come from private fioaociers, who would be required to provide between



Gothic chic: Model in People Corporation style Photograph: Ben Elwes more than "cleavage"

New York hip meets London street

Melanie Rickey

People Corporation, the London-based fashion label with a French designer and Italian manufacturers, had an American star yesterday. Chloe Sevigny, the star of Kids and the current hit Trees Lounge, took part in the show which was held in a dark and dingy basement club in Holborn, ceotral London.

When Kids came out Sevigny was hailed as an "It" girl and proceeded to appear in advertising campaigns for the Miu Miu label by Miuccia Prada and in every British style magazine worth its salt. But the actress found the tag wearisome. "I've always been seen as this really hip girl, but I'm not, I'm just a regular girl from New York."

People Corporation is the brainchild of Roland Mouret who started the label in October 1995 out of a oced for the British to have designer street style they could actually afford, and is inspired by the café/bar he runs in ondon's Soho, Freedom.

When the first model appeared carrying a can of ger and smoking a cigarette the tone was set. These were clothes for both sexes to party the night away in

The big treods for oext winter are asymmetric hemmed dresses, oneshoulder tops suspended on tiny beaded string straps, drape front tops, fringing and ruched skirts. The look was almost kitsch cowgirl meets urban clubgoer with a slightly Gothic influence. Meo appeared in Alexander McOucen-influenced cord "bumster" style trousers that looked close to revealing a lot



It look: The American actress Chloe Sevigny modelling at London Fashion Week yesterday

## Grouse to have peaceful Twelfth

Environment Correspondent

Grouse shooters are to be hanned from one of Britain's most famous beauty spors. likley Moor, Bradford City Council, which owns six square miles of the upland heath, decided yesterday that there would be no Glorious Twelfth there this August or on any

The Labour-controlled couneil has decided to withdraw its licence from a local shooting syndicate so the public can roun there throughout the peak holiday month. Until now, rainblers have been hanned during the six to 10 days of tov

shooting season.

Jack Wormersley, chairman of the sub-committee which took the decision, said: "We'd rather everyone had the chance to look at all of the wildlife, including the grouse, at that time of year instead of just the shooters killing them.

He said likley Moor, 1,000tt up and eight miles from control Bradford, would continue to be carefully managed to encourage heather growth and wildlife, including grouse and the birds of prey which hunt them. The moors would be closed for several weeks each year during the most important nesting periods.

Bradford will lose the £8.0881 a year which the shooters pay for their licence. But Mr Wormersley said the council had already succeeded in winning larger grants from the National Lottery and the European Uniun for its management of

Ilkley Moor has been conncil owned for 100 years. It used to attract hordes of summer picnickers, many of them coming in the summer by special traits. Numbers fell with the rise of the car, but oow a new generation of ramblers wants tu room the upland moors as widely and as uften as possible. Much of the surrounding heather is privately owned and grouse shooting will

# pick up the phone and get tina turner,

(or diana ross, or nina simone, or...)



**B** 



Connect to One 2 One before March 31st 1997, and not only do you become part of a service that covers 80% of the GB population offering a variety of attractive price plans with free voicemail answering service and message retrieval, you also have the chance to choose five free CDs from 150 on offer. Well that's one mobile phone offer that's worth listening to. Terms do apply.

onezone

0500 500 121



in retreat: Student protesters flee as police fire tear gas into a university campus in Seoul, South Korea, yesterday

#### Photograph: Reuter

# Kim atones for the sins of his son

Richard Lloyd Parry Tokyo

The entire South Korean cabinet is set to resign in the next few days, after the president, Kim Young Sam, yesterday delivered a dramatic apology on national television and announced the political banishment of his second son.

In a live broadcast from the presi-dential "Blue House" in Seoul, Mr Kim apologised for an unpopular labour law which provoked nation-wide strikes last month and for the involvement of some of his closest aides in a scandal over loans to the bankrupt Hanbo Steel Corporation.

What troubles and embarrasses me all the more is the fact that the name of one of my sons has been mentioned in Korea, Mr Kim enjoyed popularity ratconnection with the impending Hanbo case," the president said. "Like all fathers, it is my belief that the fault of my son is attributable to me as his father ... I will see to it that my son sus-

the president's second son, will resign from his official posts and go abroad on his father's instructions.

Government officials in Seoul told journalists last night that Mr Kim's cabinet would soon resign in advance of a resbuffle, "I stand before you with a sense of agony and sadness," the president said. "Even some of those who worked closely with me turned out to be involved in the irregularities and cor-ruption ... With bumility, I am willing to accept whatever reproach and criticism vou make.

After his election in 1993, as the first democratically-elected civilian leader of ings of more than 80 per cent: even last year his New Korea Party won unex-pected success in parliamentary elections. He was praised internationally for father ... I will see to it that my son sus-pends all social activities, behaves and imprisonment of his two immedi-

Today, with exactly one year of his term remaining, opinion polls give him an approval rating as low as 10 per cent. Korea's economy is faltering, its unions are up in arms, and the president is politically crippled, with a very hazardous and uncertain retirement to look forward to. "I will work with all my might, with the idea that I am today maugurating a one-year term as president," he said.

Union leaders threatened yesterday to resume last month's nation-wide strikes unless the National Assembly repeals a controversial new labour law which limits workers' freedom to form unions. But the labour dispute has been eclipsed by the Hanbo scandal, which has already brought about the resignation and indictment of one cabinet minister. Hanbo Steel went bust at the end of January, leaving 5.000bn won (£3.7bn)

of unsecured debts. A subsequent

himself and stays away from me." The government news agency, Yonhap, reported that 38-year old Kim Hyun Chul, charges of corruption and treason.

ate predecessors, the former generals bankers and MPs took bribes in return for arranging the loans, including one of Mr Kim's longest-standing advisers. for arranging the loans, including one of Mr Kim's longest-standing advisers. It is a testament to the president's

drastic loss of prestige that public anger over the Hanbo scandal has compromised the reputation of his son. Diplomats and analysts in Seoul tend to take at face value Mr Kim's insistence that, during his term of office at least, he has steered clear of the influence-peddling which was so prevalent among his predecessors. But, as numerous corruption scandals have demonstrated, illicit funds are frequently channelled through close aides or relatives.

Seoul - A North Korea defector to Sonth Korea who was shot by two gun-men 10 days ago died yesterday in a hos-pital near Seoul, Reuter reports. The defector Li II-nam, a relative of

Pyongyang leader Kim Jong-il's ex-wife, had been in a critical condition after being shot on 15 February by gummen suspected to be North Korean agents. investigation revealed that leading He had remained in a coma until he died.

# Zairean rebels win hearts, minds and land

David Orr Goma .

The writing is on the wall: Democratic Republic of Congo. The name of Africa's latest breakaway republic, newly painted above the entrance to the Zaire Express airline office, stands out in contrast to Goma's other crumbling facades.

Inside the building, occupied by the new regime's In-formation Minister, are two maps. Neither reveals the reality of life in this eastern Zairean town since it was captured by rebels nearly four months ago. The world map shows Goma as just another mark on the unified expanse of green which is Zaire. The other map. of the airline's internal routes, has not been altered since the capital, Kinshasa, severed its links with Goma soon after the launch of the rebel offensive last October.

Since then, the Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire (ADFL) has occupied a buge swathe of territory in eastern Zaire. Led by the former Marxist Lanrent Kabila, the rebels have driven the demoralised Zairean army (FAZ) before them, taking town after town with apparent ease.
Their rapid progress is caus-

ing growing alarm in far-off Kinshasa. The Zairean gov-

the crisis last week. But it has ruled out the possibility of any direct dealing with the rebels. Mr Kabila arrived in South Africa yesterday and was whisked away for what rebel sources said were secret talks on

a solution to the Zaire civil war. The rebels have said they will settle for nothing short of the resignation of the ailing Zairean president, Mobutu Sese

Seko.
"We're serious about talks,"
Minsays ADFL Information Min-ister Rapbael Ghenda. "But if our conditions are not met, we'll continue fighting, all the way to Kinshasa if necessary. We're nearly there already."

Mr Ghenda's claim is an unashamed exaggeration but there are many who believe the rebels could reach the capital if they continue to advance at their current rate. Already, they are close to Kisangani, Zaire's third-largest city and a strategic location for control of the country's interior. The Zairean defence ministry said Kalima, a small mining town about 180 miles south of Kisangani, came under rebel control at the weekend. A spokesman for the rebels said they were moving from Kalima south to Kindu to try to capture one of two government airports in eastern Zaire.

At the moment we bave 10



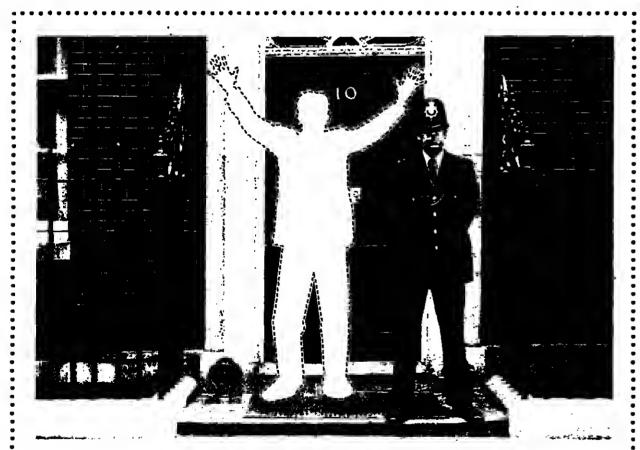
al pressure to engage in South trol," says Mr Ghenda, who has African-sponsored talks about come back from exile in Belgium to serve the new regime. The current government is corrupt. We want to change that, I believe most of the population is with us."

Though it is impossible to assess their popularity nationwide the rebels seem to have been welcomed in most areas they hold. This is not so sur-prising. Zaire's politicians, and in particular its president, have for decades been synonymous with corruption and greed. Unpaid, the army has devoted itself to pillage and extortion. The rebels, by contrast, appear dis-ciplined and committed to reform, "People are happy here at the moment," says one foreign aid worker in Goma. "We deal with a rebel committee which protects us from the lower ranks of the civil service who still try to get money out of us. So far, we've had little reason to com-

What last October started out as a self-defence campaign among eastern Zaire's Tutsi community is now a liberation movement with nationalist as-pirations. As they push into the interior the rebels gain new recruits, some of them defectors from the FAZ. Nevertheless, the core of the rebel force continues to be seen as largely Tutsi.

Much of the insurgents' pop-ularity will depend on their ability to reorganise the economy. Already, interim political structures have been established and administrators appointed. In Goma there is once again

electricity and running water. Government threats to continue and intensity air bomhardments which began last week are unlikely to have little effect on the rebel advance. The inhabitants of Bukavu and the other affected towns have uot responded to government exbortations to leave rebel territory. By targeting civilian areas. Kinshasa is certain to further alienate the populace and increase sympathy for the insur-



### With a TSB fixed rate mortgage you won't have to worry who moves in.

The uncertainty around election time can lead to changing interest rates, which means the amount you pay on your mortgage each month can become unpredictable.

Taking out a TSB fixed rate mortgage guarantees that your monthly interest payments remain constant, making it easier

for you to plan your budget.

Call TSB PhoneBank free on the number below or call into your local branch for a quotation.

And give yourself some peace of mind for the unforseeable future.

CALL FREE 0500 758 000

#### Mortgages

te on request by calling 0600 758 000. Cath may be recorded and monitored. TSA Bank pic, and ried by the Personal Investment Authority only for TSB life insurance, pensions, and inusts and ments of the TSB Marketing Group. TSB Bank plc. Victoria House, Victoria Square, Birmingham B1 18Z. Registered in England and Wales, Number 1089268 TSA Bank Scotland pic. Henry Duncan House, 120 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4LH Registered in Scotland, Number 95237.

YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOANS SECURED ON IT.

## significant shorts

#### Le Pen tortured Arab prisoners in Algeria

Jean-Marie Le Pen, founder and leader of the far-right Front National, tortured Arab prisoners during the Franco-Algerian war. The appeal court in Rouen yesterday quashed £1,100 in damages imposed in 1993 on the former Socialist Prime Minister, Michel Rocard, for calling Mr Le Pen a torturer in a television interview. There was, the appeal court decided, considerable evidence that Mr Le Pen had tortured Arab prisoners while serving in the paratroops during the Algerian war of independence. It cited evidence given on oath by "numerous witnesses and victims". It also cited Mr Le Pen himself, who had admitted and justified using torture on several occasions.

John Lichtield - Paris

#### Banana gay rape inquiry

Police in Zimbabwe said yesterday they would investigate sodomy charges against former President Canaan Banana, and a lawyer for a policeman allegedly raped by the

politician demanded a criminal trial.
Police Commissioner Augustine Chiburi said be ordered an urgent investigation into a three-year bumosexual liaison forced on policeman Jefta Dube, 36, by Mr Banana, 60, a political ally of President Robert Mugabe. Byron Hove, Mr Dube's lawyer, said evidence in the High Court on Monday showed Mr Banana used his power as bead of state to coerce Mr Dube into bomosexual acts between 1983 and 1986.

#### Soldiers kill Palestinian

Israelis soldiers killed a Palestinian and wounded three others in a clasb in a West Bank village near Jerusalem

yesterday, the army said. An army spokesman said the soldiers were attacked by Palestinian residents of the Hizmen village during operational activity.

The force responded with fire killing one Palestinian, wounding one moderately to severely and wounding two others lightly," the spokesman said. Reuters - Jerusal

#### Kosovo police brutality

An ethnic Albanian was tortured before he died in police custody in Serbia's troubled Kosovo province, a European Parliament delegation said yesterday after seeing his body. "We have seen the turtured boy who died. Don't forget that there is torture in your country and it cannot be accepted," said Doris Pack, a German member of the European People's Party. "We have seen the body of this tortured young man. His fingers, nails and ear were injured. His legs were completely smashed and his feet were blue and green," she tald German radio later. Reuters - Belgrade

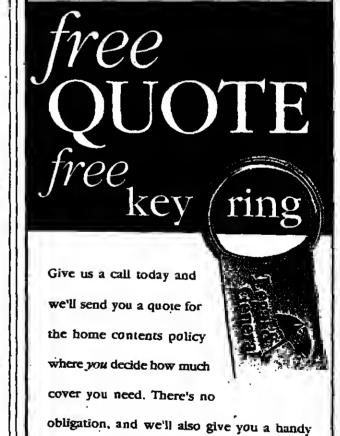
#### Shock at student's death

Western embassies, human rights activists and Kenya's opposition hit out at a student leader's killing but police

opposition hit out at a student teader a kning our ponce said they were not treating it as a murder.

"We've been following the [Solomon] Muruli case very carefully. We are deeply shocked by his violent death and we expect that his death will be the subject of a speedy and thorough investigation," a senior official at the British High Commission said. The charred body of the 23-yearold student was found on Sunday in his room at a Nairobi University hostel. Witnesses beard an explosion shortly

RENEWING YOUR HOME CONTENTS INSURANCE?



with our compliments. call free

**☎**0800 32 42

PLEASE QUOTE CODE 5347-0B WHEN YOU PHONE. Home Insurance cover is only available in England, Scotland, and Wales and is subject to acceptance by underwriters.

DIRECT LINE INSTANT ACCESS ACCOUNT

0181 667 1121

Legal & General keyring,

LONDON MANCHESTER

CALL ANYTHE Sam to Sprn Hor Please quote ref. IND48 nday to Friday and Path to Spin Sir "5,75% gross paid on belances of C50,000 or more (subject to variation

# rebels, arts, id land

in Sengith 11111." Since the Ciberala, whole is always exist to the exist in a PHILIT IS SUPER THE BEN THE The current government Cotting We wam to the that I believe most of the that I believe most of thep-Though it is impossible to

माह किन

rebeh

121

4 Secreta

at tebel

idkery)

wh war.

રીવર જની

ा ्न ।।५८

& Callie

its Stract

i ralis "

m Man-

"But it

ज़्री माटा,

ir Stain.

n. e a

मार्ग । अस

ieve the

नामाजी त

Mer. H

ah, they Zanics

41 alcric

ic coun-

can de-

Mana, a **340 150** 

D. Carre

K that is WINE W.

ig them

hours had

unnem

have in

All com-

H. A. LES

was their popularity and wak, the tebels seem to be been welcomed in most as they held. This is not so k prising: Zaite's politician, in britishin its broaden a in particular been stanger to the corruption and greek pand the army has devoted to billage and educion relicits, by commiss, appears captioned and commised to form, "People are happy has the manner," says one look and worker in Goma, West with a tebel committee in products us from the lowers of the civil service who sale he get maney out of as Sof we've had intle reason tone

What lest October stateds as a self-defence came among castern Zaies is community is now a liberary navement with nationality pitations. As they pushing interior the rebels games; crimts, some of them delay from the LV. Nevenheles: core of the terel force on nes to be seen as largely he

Much of the insurgence maner will depend on their my to reorganise the con-Micaely, interim politicales lines have been estable and administrators apple In Committee is once electricity and immings. Coverament threats to

tione and intensity and bardinents which beggweek are unlikely to has: officer on the rebelladians, other affected towns has responded to governme thornarious to leave rebeitory by hargeting civilsia. koodasa is certain to k abenue the popular of crease sumpathy for the near corner

HWING YOUR WITENIN INSURANCE



de frega oppie li

d. Here s ite Charles the conditional

al kantiit! Merc 1275



Reach for the sky: The Hawk combat trainer, one of the Britain's defence industry, now the world's second-largest

successful pieces of equipment produced by Angola and Sierra Leone. Photograph: Austin J Brown Aviation Picture Library While the company denies that

# SA dogs of war sent to train Papuan military

A South African company accused of providing mercenaries to regional governments said ves-terday that it would help train Papua New Guinea's military. A statement from Executive

Outcomes, the Pretoria-based company that employs former members of the South African military, said it was sub-contracted by Sandline Interna-tional of the United Kingdom to provide aircraft, equipment and specialised training to Papua New Guinea forces.

In its statement, Executive Outcomes acknowledged the training it would provide was part of a government strategy "to reach a lasting solution to the ... crisis in Bongainville". Executive Outcomes has previously provided military advisers and security forces in

on the ground have been known to take part in fighting.

They are out here to build up the capabilities of our defence force," said Sir Julius Chan, the Papuan Prime Minister, adding that the decision to use merce-naries was taken 18 months ago. "They would be taken in only as an advisory team, but we would not use them in the frontline.We are no fook. We are a government, and no government would allow their citizens

to be killed by foreigners."
The Australian Prime Minister, John Howard, said yesterday that he thinks "a mercenary strike" is planned against the Bougainville rebels. Rebels have been fighting a guerrilla war since 1988 on Bougainville, a copper-rich island 800 miles north-east of

the capital of Port Moresby. Mr Howard told a meeting of MPs that he became aware

cenaries in the nine-year-old conflict on Bougainville. "He [Mr Howard] said it's obviously a very serious situation." a

gwernment spokesman said.

Meanwhile, hospitals in
northern Australia were put on alert for casualties from any increase in the fighting on Bougainville island. Papua New Guinea is Australia's closest neighbour. Sir Julius said on Monday that the option of using non-government soldiers to help train his military had been canvassed in a delence paper drawn up in consultation with Australia, But Alexander Downer, the Australian Foreign

Minister, rejected this claim. "Australia was not advised by PNG of its intention to hire mercenary forces," he told parliament. The Department uf Defence has not suggested at any stage that mercenaries have a role to play in PNG's security."

in the Australian parliament yesterday coodemned the mercenary plan. The motion, to be debated next month, urged Australia to warn Papua New Guinea that the use of mercenaries would "prejudice our

bilateral relationship".

Sydney — Amnesty International said that Papua New Guinea's defence force should he held accountable for more than 40 deaths and "disappearances last year on Bougainville, Reuter reports.

The report claimed the Papua New Guinea Defence Force (PNGDF) and the paramilitary Resistance Forces were responsible for 44 "unlawful or indiscriminate killings or 'disappearances, last year. Amnesty also condemned what it described as "deliberate and arhitrary" killings by the BRA and called on the rebels to stop holding hostages.

# Lion claws a giant share of the world arms bazaar

Britain's defence exporters achieved a record last year, capturing a quarter of the £20bn world market for arms, defeoce equipment and services, including framing and support. The £5.1bn Britain earns from defence is almost as much as it derives from financial services.

As the global market for defence equipment and services decreases, Britain is octting an mcreasing share.

achieved by British companies. represents 25 per cent of the world market, compared with 19 percent in 1995, 16 per cent in 1994 and 20 per cent in 1993, and putting Britain back as the world's second-largest defence exporter after the US.

Defence exports are therefore of enormous importance to Britain. The MoD said they con-tribute to the maintenance of 360,000 jobs in the industry. In addition to the jobs, the re-

lationships connected with military supplies enable British to punch above its weight in foreign diplomacy and maintain special relationships in certain areas, particularly the Middle East, in the view of the Government. Next month Britain will be heavily represented at a big arms fair in Abu Dhabi, to be attended by James Arbuthnot, the Minister for Defence Procurement.

Last year two deals alone were worth £1bn. In November, British Acrospace did a £500m deal to sell 40 Hawk combat trainer aircraft, plus simulators and a 25-year support contract. In the same month, in another £500m deal. Oatar agreed to buy GKN Piranha armoured troop carriers, Short Starburst surface to air missiles, small warships from Vosper Thornycroft, and about a dozen Hawk aircraft. The Hawk has been outstandingly suc-cessful, and has been sold to 13

Arms exports are the responsibility of the Defence Export Services Organisation, headed by Charles Masefield. It was established in 1966 following a report by Sir Donald, later Lord, Stokes, to co-ordinate the activities of British defence companies. Lord Stokes recommended that a closely knit organisation be established to nandle British arms sales and help British firms to secure as sales. He also recommended that future overseas market considerations be taken into account when buying new British defence equipment,

British firms are back at their destructive best, writes

**Chris Bellamy** end of the Cold War. The world

defence export market has halved in size since the end of The £5.1bn of business the Cold war, but is still huge. At £20bn a year, it is equivalent to the total amount of coin and notes in circulation in . It is difficult to separate the

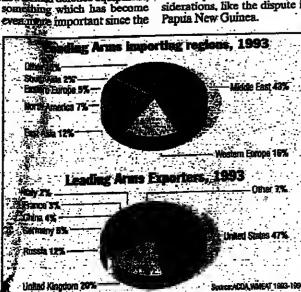
market for military equipment from services, as the two usually go together in packages consisting - not only of jet corvettes or tanks, but of support, training and simulators. However, figures from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute and the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency indicate that arms themselves make up about twothirds of the total - \$23bn (£14.3bn) in 1995. Of the £5.1 on exported by British companies last year, two-thirds was related to aircraft and the rest to

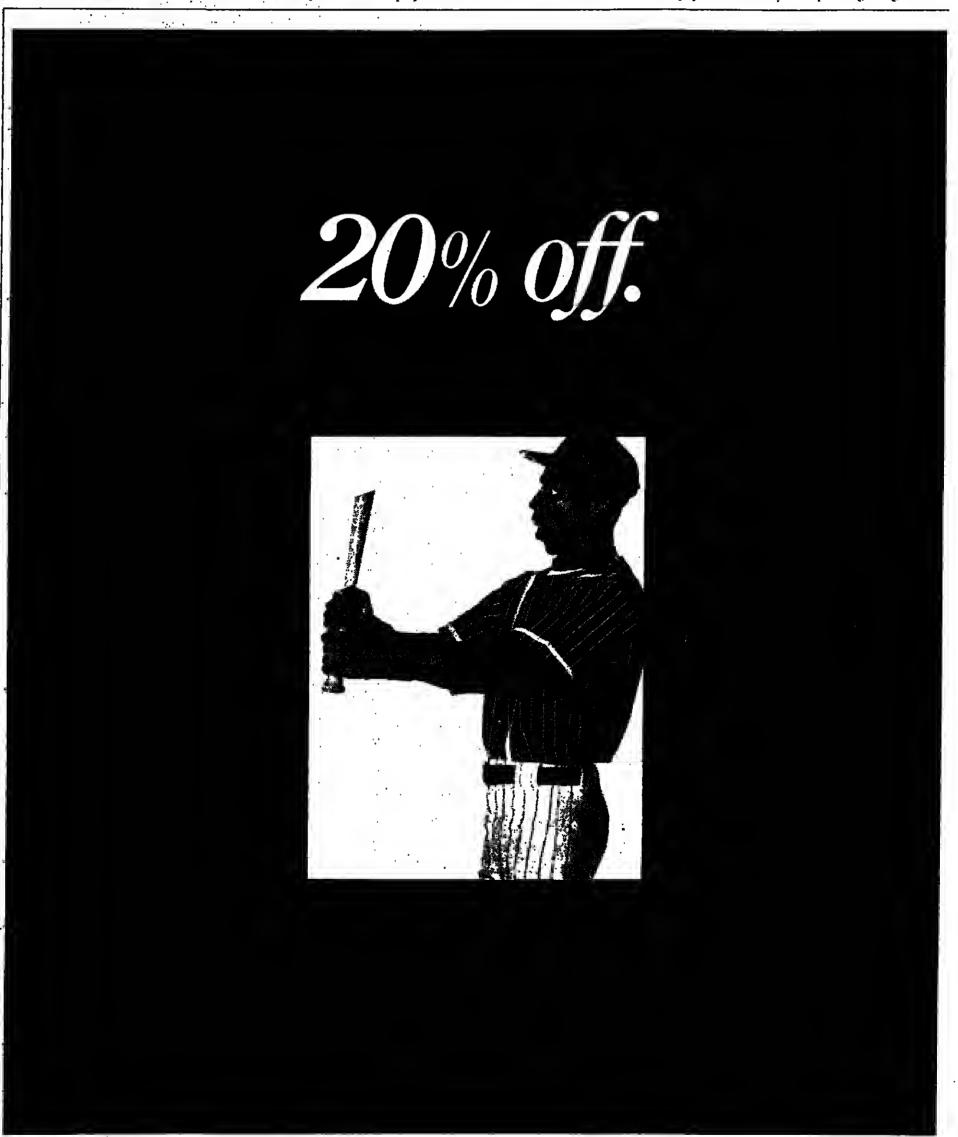
land and sea systems.

However, the growing importance of simulators and computer systems mean there are increasing opportunities for sales in that area, too, not directly connected with specific weapons systems.

Developed nations account for more than 90 per ceot of world arms exports. The Soviet Union was the second-largest exporter until its break-up in 1991, when Britain moved into second place. Briefly surpassed by Russia, it returned to this position last year.

The higgest arms-importing region is the Middle East, with Saudi Arabia the largest unporter since the Gulf war, followed by Egypt and Turkey. East and South-East Asia and the Pacific Rim is the thirdlargest arms market, and is of increasing interest to European and North American defence firms. Military spending is expected to increase in proportion to the expanding economies of the region, and many analysts fear that an arms race there could get out of control with simmering tension in the Korean peninsula, between China and Taiwan, over the Kurile, Paracels and Natuoa islands. Many potential disputes are over resources or driven by environmental considerations, like the dispute in





# BT cut 20% off calls to the USA and Canada.

5 minute weekend call to USA and Canada	Before Feb. 19th	From Feb. 19th	Percentage Reduction	Price with Friends & Family and PremierLine
	£1.31	£1.05	20%	78.2p

The latest price cuts. Call 24hr. Freefone 0800 003 800 to see how much you could save. BT 77 SOME 100 PRICES MUCHANGED DIPECT DIALLED GALLS ONLY EXCLUDES BY PUBLIC PAYPHONE . ID BY CHARGECARD CALLS FRIENDS & FAMILY IS AVAILABLE ON ONE INTERNATIONAL NUMBER AND IS NOT AVAILABLE WITH THE LIGHT USER SCHEME

FRIENDS & FAMILY DISCOUN" "ORMALLY START WITHIN 14 DAYS PREMIEPLINE SUBSCRIPTION IS CO PER QUAPTER

邓小平同志追悼大会

# Comrades praise 'great Marxist' but

# Deng's memorial: One ceremony, two reactions

The final legacy of Deng Xiaoping proved yesterday to be the freedom not to have to mourn his passing.

In the Guiyou Department Store, nonchalant shoppers ignored the rows of purple-uniformed shop assistants who were standing to attention as the public address system hlared a ive transmission of Mr Deng's hour-long memorial ceremony.

"Maybe some people just mourn him inside their hearts." ventured one shop girl, after a smartly-dressed woman had demanded to try on a pair of cream court shoes costing 256 yuan (£20). It was a fitting tribute for a man who had wanted his funeral to be a non-event.

Meanwhile, in the Great Hall of the People, the political theatre proceeded in a world of its own. A casket containing Deng's ashes had been placed under a giant photograph of the former patriarch, and covered with the Communist Party flag. Before an audience of 10,000 senior party and government of-ficials, President Jiang Zemin declared Deng "a great Marxist", adding "without comrade Deng Xiaoping, the Chinese people would not live a new life like today's and there would not be today's new situation of re-forms and opening-up and the bright prospects of the social-one stall-holder in an open-air ist modernisation"

He pledged that China would continue the reform policies of Mr Deng, offering no succour to either leftists or those who would wish to reassess the ver-

**6** A money changer was more interested in exchange rates than the memorial 9

dict on the June 1989 Tianan-

men Square protests. The president said the Chinese people should "express our mourning by working harder and doing well in all aspects of practical work".

On the streets of Peking, some grieved openly and some did not. Many of those whose lifestyles are a product of the Deng reforms disregarded even the official three-minute silence in favour of husiness as

private food market, when asked why she was not watching the televised memorial ceremony.

The people of the Deng era were all around. There was the 20-year-old migrant worker from Shandong province who had arrived by train at lam that morning planning to seek work as a hotel chef, one of millions who are now free to roam the country looking for jobs; no, he would not be watching the cer-emony, he said, sitting on his bundles on the pavement, "I have nowhere to watch TV."

There was an illicit money changer outside a branch of the Bank of China who was far more interested in how Deng's death might affect the exchange rates than in the memorial.
In old fashioned state work

units and government offices, tools and pens were generally downed for the three minute silence, but not everywhere. At the Tunnel Engineering Branch of the No 4 Municipal Engineering Company, which these days must keep an eye on the bottom line, an official explained that only party members and cadres would watch the broadcast, leaving the 800 construction workers still toiling un-



Multiple vision: Televisions in a Peking department store (above), tuned to yesterday's memorial service at the Great Hall of the People (below), showing the caption 'Comrade Deng Xiaoping is immortal'.

Photographs: Above: Paul Lowe/Magnum): Below, Reuters

derground. A central government edict had ordered state units like his to ensure "the " also watched, he admitted, "but we have our own internal instructions". It would be too disruptive to the work

schedule, he said.

the No 1 Machine Tool Factory explained that, unlike everyone else in the factory, he would not see the live broadcast because there must be someone to keep watch".

Was he disappointed? "No, because if I can't see it today, The 63-year-old doorman at I can see it tomorrow. It will be

on TV repeatedly." Like many of his generation who worked for cash-strapped state enter-prises, he had been forced out of retirement because his pension after 30 years at the ma-chine tool factory was so

meagre.

Deng's reforms have been tough on the enterprises which were cocooned by central planning. "Over the last few years the business here has become not good," he said.

When Chairman Mao died, a Chinese person was more likely to get into trouble for not mourning publicly than for do-

Peking (Renters) — Two bombs rocked the Chinese city of Urunqi, capital of China's Muslim western region of Xinjiang, yesterday. Officials reported several casualties. Residents said the hlasts oc-curred at about 6-30pm local time, on the last of six days' mourning for Deng Xiaoping. One explosion involved a vehicle believed to be a minibus south gate of the city, officials said. Ethnic Ughurs were thought to be involved.

ng so. Deng's programme of economic reform combined with an authoritarian political system has had the effect of re-

By 7.40am, the police had cleared Tiananmen Square of any ordinary Chinese who had come to grieve or just to watch. An elderly couple who earlier laid a wreath at the Monument to the People's Heroes were allowed to walk across the square before plain-clothes police firmly helped them into a summoned police van.

A similar fate awaited mourners later in the day, one of whom placed a flower in a bottle - a play on the name Xi-aoping which in Chinese sounds the same as "Little Bottle".

Inside the hall, Mr Jiang stood centre stage as the man whom Deng, before his death, had called the "correct choice" as the new "core" of the party leadership, and someone "qualified" for the joh.

The memorial ceremony, it turned out, was a 50-minute speech by Mr Jiang, eulogising Deng and promising to carry on his reforms. His death was "a loss beyond measure", said the president, producing tears which would not have convinced the most desperate casting director.

The speech gave the world the first hint of the path to be followed in the post-Deng era. A Western diplomat said: "The message there is first of all the policy of reform will continue, and secondly that Jiang's your man. The fact he was up there delivering the authoritative word on the Deng legacy made that point."

The speech was "more positive on reform than one might have expected, which is pretty

Mr Jiang stuck to the official line on the June 1989 so-called "counter-revolutionary" events. "Because the party and the government adopted a firm and sober stand and because the achievements of reform and opening up and socialist modemisation had taken root in the hearts of the people, we withstood the severe test, and our cause continued its vigorous deden

In the closing hours of the of-ficial six-day mourning period last night, the television channels showed repeats of the mourning ceremony.

velopment along the road set,

Today the flags will be hoisted back to the top of their poles. and the post-Deng era begins in earnest.



The Friends Provident Stewardship PEP seeks to avoid investment in companies that harm people, wildlife or our world.



instead, it seeks to invest in companies that deliver positive benefits to society.

# WOULDN'T YOU RATHER HAVE PROFIT WITH PRINCIPLES?

#### The Friends Provident Stewardship PEP

The Friends Provident Stewardship PEP aims to invest in companies that make a positive contribution to the world we live in.

And to avoid companies whose business practices could be harmful to the planet and its people.

Yet this needn't mean avoiding a decent profit.

Over the past 5 years, Stewardship has out-performed the average return for all unit trusts, ethical or not."

just the kind of performance you would expect from Friends Provident, the UK's leading ethical investment company, which manages around £700 million of ethical investments.

Get on the Blue Line now, direct to Friends Provident.

The Blue Line is the fast no-hassle way to get the information you need about this product over the phone to help you make an informed decision.

You'll deal with friendly qualified people who will talk to you in clear

straightforward language.

Call 0800 00 00 80 now, or contact your financial adviser, and you'll find that your principles needn't stop you making

#### The plus points of profit with principles

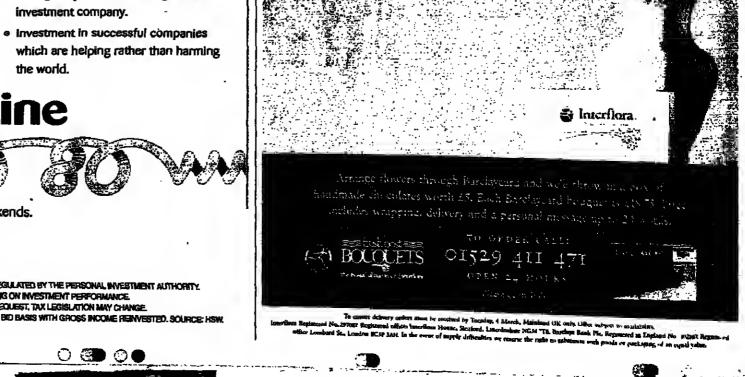
- · Proven track record with good growth prospects.
- · All profits are tax-free.
- Invest a lump sum (minimum £1,000) or monthly payments of £50 or more.
- · Managed by the UK's leading ethical investment company.
- Investment in successful companies

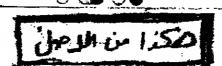
# Get on the Blue Line





FRIENDS PROVIDENT THE BLUE LINE LIMITED IS A REPRESENTATIVE ONLY OF THE FRIENDS PROVIDENT MARKETING GROUP WHICH IS REGULATED BY THE PERSONAL INVESTMENT AUTHORITY. THE VALUE OF A UNIT TRUST, AND ANY INCOME FROM IT, IS NOT GUARANTEED AND CAN GO UP AND DOWN DEPENDING ON INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE. ST PERFORMANCE IS NOT NECESSARILY A GUIDE TO THE FUTURE. FULL TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST, TAX LEGISLATION MAY CHANGE ANCE OF THE STEWARDSHIP UNIT TRUST OVER 5 YEARS TO THE 31ST JANUARY 1997. ALL PIGURES ON AN OFFER TO BID BASIS WITH GROSS INCOME REINVESTED. SOURCE: HISW YOUR CALL MAY BE RECORDED FOR YOUR SECURITY.





# but it's business as usual for the Chinese

# Hong Kong pays its respects with one eye on the handover

A wail of fog horns filled Hong Kong's Victoria Harbour at precisely 10am yes-terday as the Chinese national anthem was played some 2,000kms away in Peking's Great Hall of the People at

Deng Xiaoping's funeral service.
The famous funicular railway, which runs up to Hong Kong's hunry Peak district, ground to a halt, truck and taxi drivers sounded their horns and loud-speakers in underground train stations emitted solemn music for 10 minutes.

The colony's most influential companies were making sure that their gestures of respect to the late paramount Chinese leader were noted. For ordinary people it was business as usual. I suppose I will watch it [the firmer-Elsa Wong, a university services workfrom work, so I can't think I will do anything else," she said. However, the death of the man who

has so greatly influenced the last years of colonial rule in Hong Kong has hardly been marked by indifference. Mure than 45,000 people have passed through the normally closed doors of the New China News Agency (NCNA)

to pay their respects.

The NCNA, which acts as China's de facto embassy in Hong Kong, is mused to opening its doors to the public, more usually they are barreed to prevent demonstrators outside from

gaining access.

The death of Deng Xiaoping has given members of pro-democracy or-ganisations and the Governor, Chris Patten, their first chance to enter the building. Practically every senior government official, business tycoon and other prominent personalities have judged it expedient to make an

Meanwhile, Hong Kong's China

watching media, which has traditionally been both the best and worst source of information on developments agreements between various leadership factions vying for power in the wake of Mr Deng's demise. Hong Kong's Chinese language newspapers have also been publishing accounts of Mr Deng's will, supposedly based on information supplied by Chinese officials. According to these reports, Deng expressed regret over the 1989 Transn-

men Square massacre. One report even says that he asked for forgiveness. A pro-Peking political party has for-mally requested that some of Deng's ashes be scattered in Hong Kong to ful-



Fond farewell: An old man wiping away a tear as he watches a live telecast in a Hong Kong shopping mall of China's

# Local police demand equal rights

at the Great Hall of the Pen Paul Lowe/Magnum); Below,

司志追悼大会

graph to an the added.

Mr Sing stack to the offer

line on the time basewed

"Became the party and?

government in indepted a firms.

operating of and security and

State of poor basing one form with

bearts of the people, we will

corner or marked as appropria

and grown of along the readed

lectual one day constituting period

the is afterward copyally of the

the state of the will be held

and the first the test of their poles

health, stresso hours of their

the section

steamed the secrete lest, and it

sada a stand and because B

di In

and the "state of the state of

The handover of power in Hong Kong will have a final, unexpected and unpleasant sting in the tail for police officers of Hong Kong Chinese birth in the colony who are likely to find themselves tens of thousands of counds worse off than their

white colleagues.

One of the officers, Ken Chik, is to seek a judicial review in the High Court today against the Foreign Office's interpretation of a little-publicised law rubber-stamped last year. This gives public servants in Hong. Kong cash compensation and

We're moset about this ... as the white officers 🤊

greatly improved pensions should they decide they cannot continue to serve under Chinese

rule after 1 July.
Mr Chik, 38, takes his role in the Royal Hong Kong Police force seriously, including the oath all officers are required to swear to the Crown. He joined the force back in 1976 and has risen to the rank of senior

inspector. We take the oath of allegiance very seriously indeed. We sometimes have to act against the Chinese people to safe-guard British colonial interests. That's a considerable conflict of interest for people like me and could put me in conflict with China after the changeover. That is why I have decided very reluctantly to leave

However, Mr Chik, along with 15 other Hong Kong officers intending to leave the force, discovered they were not eligible for generous compensation payments offered to civil servants serving in the colony who were born in the UK. Unlike most Hong Kong

nationals, Mr Chik's occupation was considered sensitive enough to require protection. He is currently considering whether to leave Hong Kong altogether before July to start a new life in the Britain.

A law introduced last year

enables UK civil servants intending to leave Hong Kong to draw their pensions early and guarantees compensation worth

The legislation also applies to officials of Hong Kong Chinese we're as British origin. However, when Mr Chik applied to the Foreign Office he was told that this affected only judges and magistrates. Police officers were not included. Mr Chik estimates this will cost him £10,000 a year for the next 17 vears until he reaches his official retirement age of 55.

The ruling was made despite the fact that Hong Kong Chinese officers in the force were granted British citizenship in

Mr Chik is bitter. "We are very upset about this. We think it contravenes international law on human rights. The majority of local officers support us. All the 15 applicants are British. We're as British as the white

Time is running out for the 15 police officers as the handover approaches. Louis Charalam-bous, Mr Chik's solicitor, said: We hope the courts recognise how pressing this is and allow us to challenge the Foreign Office's interpretation of the legislation as quickly as possible."



Ask for your no-obligation free quotation. Instant cover available. Credit cards welcome. (8am-8pm weekdays, 9am-1pm Saturdays) PLEASL QUOTE REFERENCE ABOVE.



Gra hold of 64 pages of essential fashion.

The Fashion magazine free with The Independent this Saturday. March 1st. In association with PRUL MITCHELL LUZUZZ ZATZ CAZZ \*\*THE INDEPENDENT
IT IS. ARE YOU?

# The final act, but Kohl remains mighty

his latest German opera is called Kanzlerdämmerung, the Twilight of the Chancellor. You may have been led by recent colourful front-ofstalls reports into thinking that the Rhine is boiling, Bonn's Gods are at each others' throats and Valhalla (Chancellor Kohl's Euro-project) is about to tumble. The problem with the scenario is that Helmut Kohl is not Wotan. He may be down but neither he nor his European ambitions is yet to be counted out. These past few weeks he has hit the roughest patch in his long dominance of German politics, but the Kohl era is not over yet.

But wait. What a cheap shot that Wagnerian trope is. It's so typical of the British approach to Germany to glorify in national stereotypes. History will always be an instructive companion, but should never become a tour guide. What is happening in Bonn is mere politics, healthy contestation of a kind we know well. A party convulses at the prospect of a change in leadership (ring any bells?) and the opposition rub their hands. Helmut Kohl is beleaguered though unlike the British Prime Minister he still has his finance minister entirely on board in the matter of Europe

Just listen to that not-so-coded message from Wolfgang Schäuble, his deputy: as well as himself, he said, there are at least eight other possible replacement chancellors from within

the ruling coalition. Note that he could make that remark only because German federalism is flourishing. All of the parties can call on talent nurtured in the state ministries of Düsseldorf, Munich and Saarbrücken. Could you ask for a more convincing demonstration that, as the century turns, German democracy is in fine fettle? Even the question could sound patronising, unless we admit that the Germans could easily turn round and criticise the cramping cent-ralisation of power in the United Kingdom and instruct us in how liberating devolution of power can be. That said German domestic politics are of especial interest to us in two areas.

The first is the reviving fortunes of the centre-left, as shown in the polls, and m the perkiness of the Social Democrats. What might this say about the Great Question of modern European politics, which is, what is left for the left when everyone agrees on low inflation, controlled taxes and constant down-

wards pressure on public spending? Well almost everyone. Oskar La-fontaine, the SPD Bundestag leader, bidden to talks with the government on Monday night because his party controls the upper parliamentary chamber. ruled out any cuts in the top rate of tax. which is more than 50 per cent. Taxes, in Germany, do not quite have the reach-for-the-garlic-and-crucifix ring they have here. The SPD has been conversing lately with the Green Alliance



ONE CANADA SQUARE CANARY WHARF LONDON B145DL TELEPHONE 0171-298 2000 / 0171-345 2000 FAX 0171-298 2435 / 0171-845 2485

about the possibility of coalitions and the air is thick with talk of energy taxes. Watch this space for fiscal innovation.

The other question which directly concerns us is, of course, European integration. On the fate of Helmut Kohl depends the launch of the Euro in 1999. Look at the alternatives to him. All of them - whether Social Democrat, from the Christian Social Union (whose big man, the Bavarian prime minister Manfred Stoible, is a contender), or frontbenchers of the Christian Democrats - are less enthusiastic about the single currency and unwedded to the existing timetable. Say the Chancellor

Size tell you after 1 what. 5

were to return from his Easter break and announce that he would not be a candidate for the next national elections, due in 1998. The German negotiating position at the Amsterdam inter-governmental conference would inevitably be weakened. The capacity of the CDU/CSU coalition to make that last push to bring the German budget deficit down to within Maastricht limits might be fatally weakened.

The clear implication is that all those in this country who, for their various reasons, wish to see monetary union delayed, must hope that the Big Man is on his last legs. Without Kohl, the

next British government faces a much easier ride, whatever its colour. So what happens in Germany if there is a revolt within the coalition, or the opposition demand the Chancellor's head as the price of its adherence to radical tax and pensions reform? Does it follow that the prospects for further integration of the European Union would be so badly set back? There is a school of thought, which certain Euro-enthusiasts have encouraged, which projects the possibility of no single currency, and Germany floating off into Austrianstyle nationalism, or withdrawing into itself, leaving a geo-political vacuum in central Europe.

But neither of those is either necessary, or a likely outcome. The question of what post-Kohl Germany looks like has become a lot easier to answer as the contenders limber up and strut the Bonn stage. The very fact that the SPD has been willing to begin discussions with the government over tax reform is a harbinger. The SPD is, truth to tell, a conservative party resembling in some degrees Old Labour, though without its ideological haggage and a lot more sharply dressed. But even it is beginning to bite the bullet of reducing labour costs and stimulating enterprise. Real Europhiles need have no fear of a SPD revival - Herr Lafontaine and his colleagues were not called Tuscary-socialists for nothing.

But the game is not yet up.

to recover his former authority. He has the example before him in Konrad Adenauer of a Chancellor who stayed too long, though it will be more than a decade before he gets anywhere near Adenauer's age at exit. The revelation of the past few days is the quality and number of his would-be replacements. But they are still in the wings, Helmot Kohl bestrides the stage.

#### The Tube test for Labour

ondon Underground users should ∠ keep their eyes on three principles as the debate on the Government's plans for privatisation unfolds. One is the new money needed for investing in rolling stock, tracks and stations. Next is revolutionising the culture of London Underground's management and staff attitudes. The third is keeping strategic direction over all of London's transport, linking trains, buses, taxis, cycleways and Tubes in integrated networks (preserving such joint arrangements as the travel card). Privatisation, cleverly configured, can deliver all three. If Labour can acknowledge the advantages of privatisation in this case, it will have proven its claim to have thrown off its state-owning shibboleths,

#### • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

#### **Stately homes** belong firmly to the past

Sir, I fear that for Mr Gummer, the countryside has become no more than a view from the motorway ("Gummer's vision for our rural future: more stately homes for the rich", 20 February). Building a latter-day equivalent of à Gothic pile is no more than making a composition within the frame of the car window.

If he wishes there to be an attractive countryside in the future, he should concentrate on saving it from ever more roads,

newigrand houses would be very different in their effect from the manor-houses of the past. The latter formed part of a nowvanished social and communal order. The local squire was the person who employed most of the locals, or leased them their farms. He, or she, was expected to act as the leader in local affairs. including taking on onerous and expensive duties. Much of this, of course, was for the benefit of fellow members of the squirearchy, but it included patronage of the local school, provision of village halls, and holding fetes in the house

Sir: John Gummer has a remarkably idiosyncratic idea nf very fine and very original" houses, if his examples are anything to go by: a medieval ruin and three 19th-century stylistic

century.

Mr Gummer could have quinted Hill House and Castle Drogo, not to mention Hardwick Hall, Blenheim Palace or the Royal Pavilion at Brighton as "truly outstanding" homes nf great nriginality which enhanced their rural surroundings.

to local planning committees to decide what will enhance rural surroundings, and few will be prepared to be so daring as to support any design of true originality.

far-sighted patrons of residential development have been Oxbridge Colleges - for example both St John's Colleges, where there are sensitively designed undergraduates' sets by Sir Philip Dowson and by Powell and Moya

respectively.
I don't think Nichnlas Schoon need shed tno many tears for the less wealthy. There have been and continue to be many derelict cottages rebuilt and enlarged and barns converted to satisfy the lemands of you and me for a pad n the country. What is really

pingers and 'open field' industrial developments. He should also be aware that

This is the good side of the old order, but it has gone, along with its many ills. A new generation of country houses is likely to be occupied by security-obsessed fat cats. Their owners are far more likely to start badgering the local authority to close public footpaths "for security reasons" than they are to lay out parkland and throw it open for public enjoyment. CHRISTOPHER PADLEY Market Rasen, Lincolnshire

Mark Girouard wrote in 1979 in Historic Houses of Britain: "Nn one could pretend that Sandringham is architecturally distinguished." But then, sadly, there have been very few distinguished country houses built since the time of Mackintosh and Lutyens at the turn of the

The trouble is that it will be up

Paradoxically, some of the most

#### needed is affordable housing in urban areas for the poor ... but that is another story. GEOFFREY BURNABY

Sir: Your article "Gummer's vision for our rural future; more stately homes for the rich" (20 February), about the provisions in the Government's new planning guidance for rural areas, portrays a misleading picture of the Council for the Protection of

Winchester, Hampshire

Rural England's view. CPRE is not "antidevelopment". We support a great number of development proposals. which, unfortunately, often goes unreported. The new guidance is, in general, welcome. In particular, we welcome the implication in the new guidance that local authorities need to think more carefully about the kind of development which is appropriate in rural areas. We believe in a more discriminating approach to rural development in which identified social and economic needs are met in ways which do not damage the quality of the rural environment.

The provision in the new midance to encourage the building of new country houses is not warranted. The planning system already has sufficient flexibility to allow for truly innovative design. Moreover, CPRE is concerned that this special provision will create a new loophole in the planning system whereby speculative developers will be encouraged to build larger and more obtrusive homes in open countryside. GREGOR HUTCHEON

Council for the Protection of Rural

Rural Affairs Officer

England, London SWI

#### Palestine law chief replies

Sir: I was very surprised to read a despatch from Patrick Cockburn (Iorture deaths that shame Palestine", 21 February), the concluding paragraph of which was that I viewed all Palestinian auman rights activists as "a fifth column". This is not correct and does not represent anything I have ever said

I have the highest regard and respect for human rights activists Palestinian and ntherwise. My staff and I follow clear and strict instructions in this respect from our

leader, President Arafat. May I point out that I myself have suffered a great deal, and for a long time, in prisons under occupation, and I have special reasons in be grateful for the assistance I was given by human rights activists. My views on this subject, and on what is happening here in the sphere of human rights, were expressed in an interview in the Arabie newspaper al-Hayat, published in London on the same day as your despatch appeared.

Allowine please to emphasise the simple fact that we here promptly and actively investigate all reports about human rights abuses, and it is a matter of record that the Palestinian Authority has meted out severe punishment to culprits, irrespective of status or

The fact remains, however, that we are a new administration

functioning in extremely difficult circumstances. This is not an excuse for wrongdoing - it merely explains the context in which some abhorrent and regrettable acts have been committed.

We are most grateful to human rights activists for helping the Palestinian people. We wish, at all levels, to co-operate in eradicating abuses and in improving and normalising life for our people in line with the highest standards of human rights principles. KHALID AL-KIDRAH Attorney General:

Palestinian National Authority

Gaza

#### Press must take care after trials

Sir: Musa Mazzawi (letter, 18 February) is arguably wrong in assuming that because the two trials of the men acquitted of murdering Stephen Lawrence are over, the Daily Mail may now, without hindrance, say what it likes.

The courts have held (see Archbold on Criminal Pleading, Evidence and Practice 1997, paragraphs 20-36) that the definition of a common law contempt of court, provided by Attorney-General v Times Newspapers Ltd (1974), AC 273 HL, is wide enough to embrace "improper interference with persons who have been engaged in litigation after it is concluded. The assertion that men found not guilty

Post letters to Letters to the Editor, and include a daytime telephone number.

E-mail correspondents are asked to give a postal address. Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

Pac 0171-293 2056; e-mail: letters@independent.co.uk).

of murder are in fact guilty, arguably amounts to such "improper interference".
STANLEY BEST Winkleigh, Devon

#### **Short of water?** Ask Arizona

Sir: I have just returned from a two-week vacation in Arizona to find extraordinary statements being made by water company chiefs (report, 22 Fehruary) that unless we change our attitude towards water consumption, we will eventually be faced with daily water cut-offs, reductions in house building programmes and other stringent measures - and this in a part of the globe where rainfall is

Cities in Arizona and California are built on desert, and thnusands of new homes are being built annually. People often shower twice a

day, and washing machines and dishwashers are standard equipment. There do not seem to be restrictions on watering grass awns, gardens and golf courses. Of course they have the mighty Colorado - but all this happens in what is basically a desert, where rainfall is minimal and summer heat tremendous. There must be something we can learn from a country which appears to be

managing water supplies with considerable skill. Mrs F MARY POOLE

Europe plan Sir: Your report "Blair plans European affairs department" (24 February) is utterly false. It alleges

that "the plan for a department of European affairs is currently being worked on in Tony Blair's office". There is no such plan. · The "senior Labour source" on

Wonder number

more than a tool

Sir: It was heart-warming for those

of us whn work as mathematicians

to read Charles Arthur's eulogy of

the complex number i ("It may be square, but it's wondrous", 22

February).

February).

But I imagine many were also surprised at his relegation of i to the status of a "tool we've made"—

rather than a plain fact of nature like

the number  $\pi$  or the number 16. In

spite of the historical terminology, i

is no more (or less) imaginary than

And contrary to Mr Arthur's

account, both i and its square-root

ness of -1 are quite easy tn draw on

a piece of paper: as a point in the

plane midway in rotation about 0

these "real" numbers.

between +1 and -1.

University of Durham

Sciences

Dr WILLIAM OXBURY

Department of Mathematical

Labour denies

whose briefing the story claims to be based is seriously misinformed. JONATHAN POWELL Chief of Staff to Rt Hon Tony Blair

Leader of the Labour Party House of Commons London SW1

#### **Assisted places** mean state cuts

Sir: The college in Wiltshire at which I teach has been forced to endure numerous cuts in its income from the Government over the last four years, in the name of efficiency savings. Fewer courses are now offered, class sizes have increased significantly, and 13 staff have recently been made redundant.

Wiltshire Couoty Education Authority has just confirmed swingeing cuts in the hudgets of all its comprehensive schools, giving a lack of government funding as its reason. In addition, the authority is about to cut all hardship grants for students in further education.

Meanwhile, the Government is providing more than £200m each year to fund places at independent schools all over the country, through the Assisted Places has his way, that figure is set to double next year.

Many of the measures taken by the last two Conservative administrations have had significant beneficial effects on the educatinn system as a whnle. However, the system is now in danger of serious underfunding, and it is very difficult to reconcile this enormous state subsidy to a private system, with such a severe lack of cash for that which belongs to the public.

Corsham, Wiltshire

#### Start voting, Swampy

Sir. For many years I have written, faxed and e-mailed appeals to toxic governments around the world, as part of Amnesty International's Urgent Action Network, which mobilises quickly to help people in grave danger of torture or execution. Many of these people. are in life-threatening circumstances in their countries simply because they have ampaigned for democracy and the right to vote.

I admire Swampy & Co ennrmously for their road protests. and ahhor much of UK politics, but can never agree that nnt voting is

acceptable Less of the chic boredom and nihilism, Suzanne Moore ("No wonder politics is unthing tn rave about", 21 February), and consider what you'd do if you lived in a place where government is so very much more "defirmed" than in Britain. For a start, you probably couldn't even write your oh-soaded article. GLORIA MOSHANE

Richmond, North Yorkshire Asteroid odds

Sir: Oliver Morton estimates the danger of being struck by an asteroid as greater than the chance of winning the lottery ("So who cares if the sky is falling?", 25 February).

I'm no statistician, but has The independent been hiding from us 100 or so deaths from celestial attack over the past couple of

CHARLES D WROE Hove, East Sussex

The real thing?

Sir: Can anyone explain why - in spite of the United States embargo it is so easy tn buy Coca-Cola in

SUSAN STEVENS

# Labour: stop taking the tabloids

Lord Jenkins was the reforming Home Secretary of the progressive Sixties. Here he tells Nyta Mann why politicians in the Nineties would be wise to pursue libertarian policies

favourite saying: Liberty is cheap. He has, in private meetings. told Tony Blair so. The leader of the Liberal Democrats in the as his greatest political House of Lords gives informal achievement. In two hyperacadvice to Blair, to which the Labour leader is said to pay great attention. Jenkins has not publicly backed New Lahour, but like Shirley he bas come close by beaping extravagant praise on Blair. There bas even been talk among some Labour peers that Prime Minister Blair could do worse than appoint Jenkins Leader of the House for the better the lives of military and a leader of the House for the better the lives of military and a leader of the lives of the of Lords should a little crossparty co-operation be in order after the election.

This Saturday, Jenkins is one of the keynote speakers at a conference hosted by the Fabian Society and Nexus, the newly formed network of centre-left academics and thinkers. Both organisations are in the bosom of the Labour Party, but the conference title sive home affairs legislation, - Passing the Torch - hrings and he can barely squeeze the together figures who span the centre-left of British politics.

answer out through his laughter: "Nil, if Mr Jack Straw is centre-left of British politics. Lord Jenkins of Hillhead will he sharing a platform with Tony Blair and Robin Cook.

Jenkins is one of the grand old men of politics. Home Secretary (twice) and Chancellor under Harold Wilson, he was at one time seen as Labour's crown prince, destined to lead

dent of the European Com-mission instead. But it is his first stint at the Home Office, from 1965 to 1967, that stands tive years, be introduced, on

his own initiative, a bost of ground-hreaking reforms. Chief among them were legalising abortion, the Williams, his follow co-founder decriminalisation of homosexof the Social Democratic Party, uality and the liberalisation of the divorce laws. Though they would later he criticised by for the better the lives of mil-lions of ordinary people.

Despite having indelibly blotted his copy-book with his old party by breaking away to found the SDP in 1981, Jenkins is still held by Labour MPs as the model Labour Home Secretary. But ask him how he sees the chances of a New Labour government introducing similarly bold or progres-Home Secretary, if you really want to know!

This prediction may come as something of a hlow to Straw's own hopes. The shadow Home Secretary has said he would like to leave office with a record comparable to Jenkins' in terms of lasting reputation, the party and become prime yet has been grimly deter-

oy Jenkins has a minister. He lost out to Jim mined to out-tough the Tories favourite saying: Callaghan and became Presi- on the home affairs front.

"Yes, it's rather strange in a way, isn't it? I think a libertarian policy on penal and other matters would be both right and wise for an incoming Labour government, because apart from anything else, it's cheap. Liberty, surprisingly enough, is cheap in terms of public expenditure. A hard policy is rather expensive. That's not the only motive, but given that Labour is obsessive - up to a point understandably and rightly, though they're going a bit beyond what I would like about not increasing public expenditure and not raising taxation, it seems to me that this points even more strongly in the direction of arousing some libertarian enthusiasm.

Both Blair and Straw have resisted this thrifty liberal logic. Liberty may indeed be cheap, but New Labour calculates the cost in the votes of Middle England, not in money. Fearful of being seen as soft on not only crime hut also squeegee mer-chants, noisy neighbours, youngsters out after dark and what Straw has described as "families from hell", the party talks an increasingly social authoritarian line.

Jenkins, an unashamed libertarian, is deeply disappointed: "It shows lack of determination. You've got to arouse somebody's enthosiasm."

He believes that whoever holds the position of Home Secretary can also define a government long after those who



Roy Jenkins as Labour Home Secretary: Harold Wilson left him to get on with the job

various high offices. "Finance · Home Office reforms." hills, management of the ecouomy and budgets tend to be short-term," he says. "The incoming tide of one's successor sweeps them away like sand

"This is very much a retrospective thought that probably came to me five or more years later. But while the Chancellor of the Exchequer is much more at the centre of politics at the time, in the Home Office above all you can leave a much more permanent footprint."

Though he was Chancellor himself for the final three years of Wilson's first term of office. Jenkins admits that if the administration were judged on economic performance alone. there would be little for Labour supporters to cheer about.

The record of that 1964 to 1970 Lahour government, which wasn't all that successful economically -a lot of unpleasant things had to be done and nothing worked until the end of my Chancellorship - would look close personal attention to the

serve in it have moved on. It's a a great deal more barren than efforts of the man who took lesson be learned from his own it does if it hadn't been for the over his old job. Jack Straw has

uring his time as Home Secretary, Jenkins enjoyed a largely free hand to pursue his own priorities. "I bad a certain amount of

> 6 I'm afraid I'm not very sympathetic to the policies of the present shadow Home Secretary 9

containable trouble in Cabinet, agrees with, "I don't think it is But Wilson was really willing to let me do my own thing. I don't think he was strongly in favour of what I introduced, but be wasn't strongly against."

Such freedom of operation seems remarkable these days. Tony Blair, who shot to public prominence and won nearuniversal praise when he was shadow Home Secretary, pays

raised to a virtue his own prefereace for reflecting popular or even populist - opinion on bome affairs issues, rather than taking a risk by moving ahead

of it in any way. It is an

approach Jenkins strongly dis-Lord Jenkins on Jack Straw

> a virtue. I think it's the duty of people to lead opinion and not follow it. Sensibly, you've got to have some regard to being reasonably persuasive and carrying opinion reasonably behind you, but certainly not just to say that you're following all the preju-dices of saloon-bar opinion."

It isn't that Jenkins doesn't appreciate the pressure Labour faces to stick to its

'It is our duty to lead opinion and not follow it ... and certainly not to follow saloon-bar prejudices'



ultra-cautious strategy. As he acknowledges, be never had the Daily Mail et al waiting to pounce on his every move in quite the same way they would

Tabloid opinion is probably central. It wasn't nearly as bad then. You have to remember that the most successful tabloid in the Sixties was the Daily Mirror, which pursued a policy which is almost unimaginable now to The Sun or Daily Mail. The Mirror was a very successful popular newspaper, but ... it was constantly concerned to try to elevate the views and tastes of its readers, rather then degrade them."
He nevertheless feels that

Labour has unnecessarily hoxed itself in by adopting an approach to law and order "geared to propitiating the tabloids" and keeping up with Michael

There is no need to be stuck in a corner," he says. "I forget who the original 'me too'-ist was - who it was to, that is, I think it was to one of the Roosevelts, probably Theodore. But it's one thing being 'me too' to Teddy Roosevelt. It's another thing heing 'me too' to Michael Howard. So I'm afraid I'm not very sympathetic to the home office policies of the present shadow Home Secretary."

Like many within Labour, Jenkius believes Straw has

deggedly pursued the "me too"
stance for electoral purposes.
"I think he probably does
want to be more liberal in office. I hope so, at any rate," he says. Many of Straw's parliamentary colleagues privately agree. Whether Straw will find it possible to come out of his liberal closet, presuming he is in it now, of course, once Labour

wins power is another matter. "It's quite difficult to pursue a policy of thinking that what you say before you come into office doesn't to some extent determine how you behave in office. You become a hit of a prisoner of your own rhetoric." So how does Jenkins rate

Straw's chances of achieving a lasting record as Home Secretary, should Blair give him the job? "If he could greatly reduce crime, that would be a great benefit. But I don't see any evidence that following a little way behind but half in step with Michael Howard is likely to do that. It's against the view of all informed

But the outlook for libertarians is not all gloomy, be is keen to stress. Concerned that be is sounding a more relentlessly negative note than be perhaps intends, be points out that there

is the odd thing Straw promises that Jenkins does positively approve of.

There are one or two of bis other policies, obviously, he says. When asked to specify which ones he likes, there is a long pause. "I'm trying to remember," Jenkins explains, pausing again. "There was one thing I saw the other day which was very fair." Another pause. "Oh! It's on homosexual reform." he says finally. Straw has indeed pledged to repeal the controversial Clause 28 powers that prevent local councils from presenting homosexuality in a positive light. "I was surprised at that, perhaps. So I'm not saying it's all wrong, by any means."

hat then, without crit-icising Straw, does Jenkins believe the next government - whichever party forms it - ought to do? This time, there is no hesitation: Well of course, somebody's got to look rationally at drugs at some time," Oh dear. This is another subject on which he is highly unlikely to get any satisfaction from Labour, as Clare Short discovered last year fullowing her mild suggestion that legalisation of cannabis was an idea worthy of debate.

"It won't be touched with a barge-pole," Jenkins accepts. "I haven't considered it in great detail, and I don't say I'm necessarily persuaded in favour of the legalisation of marijuana without question, hut nobody considers it objectively at ail."

It seems there is no getting away from the fact that there is more for Jenkins to criticise openly or implicitly - than to praise about Jack Straw as prospective Home Secretary. Then again, this is no surprise given that while in just about all other policy areas Liberal Democrats can live quite happily with New Labour, the greatest philosophical distance between the two parties exists in home affairs. Jenkins agrees.

"I think a government which wants to have enthusiastic support of the still substantial and considerable left-of-centre leaning part of the population would be very wise - particularly if it feels very restricted in the public expenditure field - to pursue generally liberal, libertarian policy on home affairs matters." But Jenkins best summarises

his attitude with a thought that applies equally to many Labour, as well as Lib Dem, supporters. "I do have very grave doubts about Mr Straw's policies and attitudes," he says. "But that's not enough to make me want another Tory victory."

Tomorrow: Douglas Hurd talks to Donald Macintyre

# If you are planning a baby, start here



Worldwide studies show that even with a good diet, extra specific nutrients may be very important - during and even before pregnancy. FOLIC ACID is vital to the development of your unborn baby. But it is not the only nutrient which is essential during pregnancy.

Pregnacare contains the recommended level

of 400mcg folic acid, along with a careful balance of 15 other vitamins and minerals to safeguard your requirements

during pregnancy. Pregnacare replaces your usual multivitamin. It is recommended from several weeks before conception, right through to the end of breast feeding. So, if you're already pregnant, or could be soon, start with Pregnacare



raliable from Boots stores, Tesco, Superdrug, etiemists, health food stores and Holland & Barrett

before and during pregnancy

£4.95 per month's supply.

Tel: 0181 963 0999



# Come to sitcom country, in old Budapest

Ocraigmillar Castle on the southern edge of Edinburgh with my nine-yearold son, and I was impressed by the tumbledown air of faded history, though my son wasn't. "Come on, Dad, let's go - this is BORING!" was his only comment.

What neither of us knew was that Craigmillar Castle was soon to be used as a location for the filming of Ivanhoe, and would be featured for that reason in a Radio Times "Holiday 97" supplement ("Come to Ivanhoe Country!"). If we had known, it would have made all the difference. We would have steered clear and gone somewhere else, he because he has no idea who Ivanhoe was, and I because I can't see the point of visiting the-placewhere the programme was made and would like to avoid

those who do. I must be in a minority. About once a fortnight I come across articles featuring Avoca, the Irish village in which Ballykissungel is filmed, and I can only assume from the frequency of these articles that people do actually go to

Avoca to see the place where Ballykissangel is filmed. I myself have never seen the TV sitcom Ballykissangel, though I know by now that is yet another of these programmes to the glory of Irish rural life and the eudearing nature of old Irisb priests (which never seems quite to fit in with the real-life image of Irish rural life being wet, poor and miserable and Irish priests being given to sexual misadventures on such a grand scale that not even the publicity machine of the Irish Catholic Church can cover them up), and I even know by now that Fitzgerald's Bar in the programme is actually called the Fountain Bar in real life, and I truly marvel that such is the power of TV that a) people go to Avoca to see where it was done; h) I cannot prevent myself learning all this useless background info.

Another village which used to be in the news a lot is the one used for Last of the Summer Wine, but that must be so well-known that it isn't worth mentioning any more. Certainly, the Radio Times supplement skates over it and prefers to offer Travel Tip



Kington

articles on "Rebecca Country", "Cadfael Country" and "Wildfell Hall Country". From these you learn that although Rebecca was set by Daphne du Maurier in Cornwall, it filmed in South Devon and Hampshire. You can buy The Making of Rebecca from Andre Deutsch for £12.99 if you want the full details, but the detail that sticks in my mind is that the part of Manderley was played by Rotherfield Park in Hampshire. So where IS "Rebecca Country"? Not Cornwall, that's for sure, And what about "Wildfell

Hall Country"? "West Yorkshire is the dramatic setting for The Tenant of Wildfell Hall, Anne Broute's classic novel," says the Radio Times, and then goes on to say without embarrassment that West Yorkshire is never seen on screen, as it was filmed entirely in Lancashire, Oxfordshire and Cumbria. Worse is to come in "Cadfael Country", because the ITV series Cadjael, about the medieval detective monk at Shrewsbury Abhey, "was filmed entirely on location in and around Budapest". So if you board a coach

promising you a few days in "Cadfael Country" you will logically find yourself driving across Europe to Hungary's capital, a place which has nothing in common with the monastic life of Shropshire except that hits of it look like bits of Shropshire. And you will find yourself mingling with coachloads of people who have come to see 'Maigret Country", for it was in Budapest that the watchable Maigret series featuring Michael Gambon was made. which means that in the mad logic of TV tourism, "Cadfael Country" and "Maigret

Country" are exactly the same

As a postscript to this ridiculous business, I should like to mention that last December I floated the idea of setting a TV sitcom in a fictional Cotswold village which was perpetually being used as a location for films. I even invented a character, the Retired Colonel, who spent half his time inveighing against the film companies and the other half taking as much

money from them as possible, Not long afterwards, I had a call from a local company which actually fixes film location work in the vicinity.

"Enjoyed the piece," said a lady's voice, "but how on earth did you know the Colone!?"
The Colone!?" I said. "I

made him up." "Oh no you didn't," she said. "We know him well. He lives at ... "She named a well-known village. "We are always having run-ins with him. He is exactly as you describe."

So there we have it. A new TV sitcom, just waiting for someone to commission me. set in the Cotswolds, Though I don't think we'd actually film it in the Cotswolds. I like the sound of Budapest better.

# A few hot tips to spice up the economy

weeks which convinces US magazine editors that London is the place to be. The Spice Girls duly and deservedly won their gong at the Brit Awards, and London Pashion Week is achiev-ing wall-to-wall coverage in the newspapers. the hype, a lot of eco-nomic activity is taking

Y 1887 - THE INDEPENDENT

is the each thing Straw prome

that lenkins does position

other pedicies, thebush, h

says. When asked to spec

dadih

Mad.

(fast

10 1244

Hi wate

ted Ter

ichael

WIII L

har.

584 Nr.

Thette

LESTIN

alm na.

14.1.4

組転套

BITME

\* 13A

· H1#47

111 212 1

34 f. 112

يد بأب إر

4 \* # 25 6

and the C

Sec. 1.

Mi Ifa.

E 40.2

at for m

A 13

milionid.

41 H 2

Wife al

• خالت

Jakil

which ones he likes there is

tomember. Jenkins color

patterns again. "There was to

thing I saw the other day with

was very for Amother page

"Ob! It's on homocontrotorm," he was finally Son

has indeed pledeed to repeat

controversal Clause Sport that prevent heal counciling

Incorning pomocambia;

bearing hight "In the authorist

that, perfups, So I'm not say

hat then, without as a roung. Straw, dus Jenkins believe t

next government - white-

tente ferres n - enght wa

This time, there is no heating

"Mell of course, somebali

con to leach total maily atdress

months time Oh dear, The

amother subject in which be

highly mulikely to get an @

lactout from Labour, is Co

Short descripted listyers

hearing he could suggestion.

legalisation of comabine.

Traffic perc. Tenkins accept.

haven't considered it in g

the trade and 1 don't say Pare

country presented in their

after hardwayen of marks mathem question, but not

computers a objectively at a

arreas from the had that the

parts for Louis to color

process about Lack Straway

specific Home Secretars.E.

again, the a personner.

that while maps about allo

policy areas I then al Demic

care her op at happen with

Labour, the records philos-

wall electronic between their

To the first of th

wante to have optimized \$2

Twent of the stel substituted

heart of the statements

the facts of the bedringer,

be then a papellable

fre fregere restrate fin fie me

he says minus, traid-topped

or to the torn the last life thank

lie affetent, with a thoughts.

poster a similar transfer Labor

the transfer of the

militaria w

Hart to the ten in a comment

where project or home attendents

the section As Stone Polices

the water and standing the less than

Herd talks to Donald Macintal

An electrical display

the Beat of the second of the wild

Spike from the first of the fir

and the second of the second o

Mark to the Control of States

Special Section of the Section of th

Product of the control of the contro

The state of the s

The first of the f

Make Walter Control of the Control

Marie and the second se

And the plant of t

the second secon

The second secon

The second secon

And the second s

there more boxes me

"I think a year transmiss."

Jenisty a trees

of peace repaints or implicate the

It were their is no do

"It winns he touched we

adea worthy of debate

There are one or month

To many people, pop music and fashion may seem manifestations of a candyfloss economy: that somehow it is wrong that we have created jobs in the clubs and on the catwalks rather than in the fac-tories that make real things. It is very difficult to change the views of people who think that way, perhaps because they seem to want to make a moral statement about the oature of

want to buy. If, on the other hand, ou incline towards the US magazines' judgemeet that something special is bappening to this segment of the

work rather than take a

practical view of what

the market seems to

British ecocomy, then here are three facts which demonstrate the importance of the entertainment industry in all its many forms. The first two come from the US where the trend is even more developed, but they make the point about where the new jobs are com-

Number one is that the US entertainment industry has created more jobs since 1990 than the automobile manufacturers, pharmaceutical firms and hotel industry combined - and this despite the fact that the last six years have been very successful for

all three industries.

Two is that the US sports industry (which includes sports enter-tainment, sports clothing and so on) is far larger than previously reported and is now the 11th largest industry in the US, ahead of chemicals and electronics and just behind telecommunications.

Three, which comes from the UK, is that two of the largest (maybe the two largest) new fortunes built here in the last 20 years, that of Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and Richard Branson, were both based on the entertainment industry.

It seems that entertainment, along with financial services and information technology, has become one of the great drivers of growth and employment in mature, developed countries such as the UK and US. If this is right, it has profound impli-cations for public policy. The usual principle of marketing is to reinforce success. What should we do, as a country, to reinforce this success? What do we do to create opportunities for more success stories like

the Spice Girls?
Industrial policy has such a dreadful record in the UK that anyone suggesting that there might be a role for government has to tread carefully. Even now, more than 40 per cent of the budget of the Department of Trade and Industry (£1.4bn) goes on trying to rectify past failure: in sup-



been squeezed through the 1980s as

ury, but from an eco-

nomic point of view it

ought to be part of the core curriculum.

It is the basic building

block for a successful

pop music industry. The relationship be-

tween the sort of

music that will be

taught and the sort

that wins the Brit

Awards may seem tenuous, but it isn't.

The only other coun-

try, aside from Britain and the US, to have

significant net exports

from pop music is

Sweden, and many

Swedish people attribute this to the

Swedish

Hamish McRae

The Britwinning Spice Girls show what the UK is good at so why not invest in this kind

emphasis on teaching Two, spend money on teaching sport. Sport is a "winner of success? takes all" business: being good to average

. may be fun, but it does not capture global markets. With a population of 58 million we ought to be making a more significant impact on the big internationally traded sports. One area where we do, motor racing, should be a model for other sports.

Three, spend money on promoting education for art, fashion and design. This is not big money: just a case of feeding small amounts into training to make sure that we extract all the talent latent in the country. Four, remove bureaucratic block-

ages. No lastingly successful indus-try will want subsidies, but govern-ments- can :unwittingly; damage industries by obstructive bureancracy. For example: Britain ought to be a prime location for filming, and it has been gaining market share. But film-makers complam that local authorities here are not as helpful as they would be in the US at smoothing the way for film crews.

Five, look at tax. That is oot an incantation to a ocw Labour government to do a deal with Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber. It is to point out that the entertainment industry is very tax-sensitive and it might make more sense to spend a little money in tax breaks designed to keep the UK industry here rather than give more money to the Koreans to build some electronics plant.

This is not a grand, top-down business where the key players are all committee members of the CBI. It is a rough, bottom-up business - or rather a collection of very different businesses, some big, some small, united only by the talented people who work there. You cannot plan that. There is oo role for a Ministry of Popular Entertainment. What you have to do is to give these talented people space to follow their own entrepreoeurial instincts. Politicians should listen to entertainers - not what they say about polities, but what they say about their own business.

# Galileo, Copernicus and now Dolly!

#### by Andrew Marr

مكذا من الاعل

o the past few days, we have lived through a change in the human condition as momentous as the Copernican revolution or the splitgaze of Dolly from Edinburgh, awesome possibilities glitter. We can imagine, just a little, how it must have felt to be a Tuscan Jesnit reading Galileo's Dialogue on astronomy, or a nigus I ondoner. on astronomy, or a pious Londoner settling down 250 years later with a first edition of Origin of Species.

Ian Wilmut, the whisky-sipping, hill-walking embryologist who led the team at Edinburgh's Roslin Institute which created Dolly by cloning, has downplayed the impli-cations. You could done humans, he admits - "but all of us would find that offensive".

No doubt. But humans will be cloned, and probably soon. Not bere - the making of Dolly was a great achievement for British science, but the UK is also one of a handful of countries with thoughtthrough legislation which bans

human cloning.
Yet if it can be done, it will be done. The human instinct to experiment and explore cannot and will not be reined in by legislators, com-missions or priests. (Ask Galilco.) There are serious difficulties still.

But now that Dr Wilmut and his colleagues have destroyed the assumption that cells could only be used to grow the organs from which they came (so that liver cells produced only the proteins and cells oeeded for livers, and so on, with the rest of the genes switched off), the main barrier to cloning a human adult has suddenly fallen. There is no way to say this nicely. But biologically—not intellectually—there is hitle differ-ence between Dolly and the average independent reader.

We must therefore work on the assumption that cloned humans willbe created within a few years and start to think through the consequences. It is not simply that cloning throws up the possibility of strange meetings, of genetically identical humans accounted by 20 os 40 years or of the reproduction of particularly talented human animals, as if in a delicate factory.

Cloning seems to challenge the deep ideas of sell, identity and sou on which human society has relied throughout history. Some deny this - this week, a Jesuit priest and geneticist, Dr Kevin FitzGerald, was quoted by the New York Times arguing that because humans are the result of their environment, as well as their genes, clones would have unique souls.

Yet we are only just beginning to absorb the knowledge of just how much of our personalities, choices and behaviour are genetically programmed. In our Sunday paper, Tom Wolfe recalled the image of Edward O Wilson, the founder of sociobiology, who described the human brain as an exposed negative waiting to be slipped into developer liquid: The print is the individual's genetic history, over thousands of years of evolution and there is not much anybody can do about it." Many of our moral "choices" are already printed on the hypothala-mus and limbic regions of the brain.

This is the intellectual context

surrounding the Edinburgh breakthrough in cloning. And cloning is "like" the Copernican-Galilean revolution, or Darwin's discovery of



bles mankind. In religious termi-nology, we are both blessed and damned: we have the brilliance, the biological specialness, to understand our own ordinariness.

It is a giorious paradox. Like sociobiology and evolution, cloning both a human triumph and an undignified moment of biological self-recognition. As a species, we come from spes. As Individual members of it, we are heavily pre-programmed

Now we can reproduce ourselves without sex, with a piece of our own skin, or hair. because our history is written in DNA, which is not unique to humans - we share important genes not

The question is, will it change us? Will it release amoral, barbaric

In the hostile camp we can find both religious fundamentalists and open-eyed liberals, who point to this century's hideous dabblings with eogenics. President Clinton has ordered a commission to investigate the Edinburgh discovery and, as US corporations scrabble to find ways of investing in it, pronounces him-

self "deeply troubled".
In Britain, David Shapiro, executive chairman of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics, argues that eugenics and embryo research is open to himself might feel particularly strongly as a Jew born in 1934. There is a deep-seated feeling which I myself share, that one's whole notion of individuality of human beings might be lost, with quite unpredictable consequences: if

you can bank human material, would you cease to value human life?" In a world where the possibility of aborting foctuses with gay genes,

6 Cloning is a glorious paradox: a that humbles

legal cuthan criminality are openly discussed. Shapiro has a point. The

cloning of specially gifted or wealthy peo-And why? Partly human triumph ple could be seen as the other side of a looming Dark Age for post-Enlighten-

mankind 9 ment man. It is one thing for anonymous simply with sheep, but
with yeast, for goodness sake. So
much for the godly relative of angels,
suspended above mere nature.

mature to decide the
survival of the fittest. It is quite
another for banks or political leaders to do so. another for banks or political lead-

This line of thinking will lead, in time, to calls for a worldwide ban on human cloning and the withdrawal of funds from all such research. But. as I have already suggested, this will be futile. So perhaps, instead, we will have to learn to live with it, as we have with the nuclear bomb. And there is a positive pro-cloning argument, quite apart from the use to medicine of drug-producing ani-mals. The novelist Fay Weldon, whose book The Cloning of Joanna May confronted some of the issues,

thinks of it as an escape from fate.
"I doo't see that nature has done such a good job that we can't improve on it ... I think it is rather primitive of us to be so fearful of ourseives." She suggests, only halfjokingly, that one day, instead of rewarding great achievers with peerages, the government will give them cloning certificates.

Certainly, the history of science gives little cause for optimism among those who would use political authority to ban new thinking, or new research. Tom Wilkie, the Independent writer who has moved to the Wellcome Trust as senior policy analyst, points out that the "yuk factor" tends to dominate early reactious to biological advance - but then moral attitudes evolve. For instance, until 1950 it was considered immoral and was illegal to use the corneas of dead people to save

the sight of the living. (The law was changed after a campaign by the then science editor of the Daily Mirror.) Now it is considered almost as moral not to carry a donor card.

In the end, I find it difficult to

believe that we cannot live with our

depend as well oo an understanding of own origins, wiring and organic connection with the rest of the living world, as on older, fiercely contested beliefs about divinity and fate. Science can make you humble as well as arrogant; religion can make

you arrogant as well as humble. Galileo, after all, was considered a heretical menace to faith and morality - the sentence passed by the Inquisition was only finally retracted in October 1992. And Charles Darwin was thought to be a herald of the death of human dignity.

own growing skill, Moral codes can

But we have somehow survived even our own growing understanding. Soon, the first human created from a piece of skin will be born. And the world will seem to shudder a little, and spin on. And we will find the world a little more extraordinary than it seemed the day before, and carry on too, mixing our genes with the help of music, alcohol and eye-contact, rather than ocedles and petri-dishes.

# Hey, big spenders, this can't go on

Britain cannot afford fiscal luxuries until the damage done to its finances has been repaired

turned out to be the Con-servatives' lethal weapon in the last general election campaign. So comforted is the Government by the memory of what arousing voters' fears of Labour tax increases accomplished last time around that it would like to The state of the s

do so again.

Its problem is that it cannot take direct aim. New Labour has gone to enormous lengths to shed the party's old tax-and-spend image, with some success. More important, there is the embarrassing matter of the tax increases the Government itself imposed right after the last election. It can scarcely make the same pledge again without stretching credulity.

The Conservatives have therefore resorted to vague allusions to jam at some stage well after election day, combined with a sweetener in the form of a penny off income tax on 1 April. During the next Conservative term, we are told, the basic rate of income tax would fall to 20p in the pound, and capital gains tax and inheritance tax would be abolished - when affordable. After all, we are talking about the party

of prudent economic management. So prudent, in fact, that the National Debt has doubled since John Major. became prime minister, and for the past two Budgets Kenneth Clarke bas time. Whoever forms the next government will inherit an unexpectedly. spects government spending and good position in the short term.

abour's tax bombshell" revenues to be in balance. This record makes the Government's tax-cutting pledges as trustworthy as a pension salesman's patter when he promises

you a retirement spent on a cruise ship. Despite the penny reduction in the basic rate of income tax last year and this, the share of tax revenues in the economy bas risen by just over 1 per cent of GDP since the last election. That is equivalent to £7.5bn, or more than 4p on income tax.

Privately, Conservative politicians will admit that mistakes were made prior to May 1992, requiring this dose of unpleasant medicine afterwards. Although they cannot say so publicly, they distance themselves from the earlier tax bribes.

Disowning recent history is meant to make it plain that there is a new era of responsible economic manage ment. The implication is that when the next Conservative government resumes its tax-cutting ageoda, it will deliver lower taxes that last.

This agenda will look very plausible during the next few months. The latest figures for government borrowing the shortfall between income and expenditure, were surprisingly good. The economy is expanding fast enough for tax revenues to flood into the Exchequer's coffers for some



by Diane Coyle



But any post-election tax cuts would be ephemeral. By the time the court recession comes along the government finances will require more painful corrective surgery. Either higher taxes or spending cuts are necessary now in order to put them on a sound and sustainable footing, to borrow two of the Chancellor's favourite adjectives. For if there is any time when the government should be running a budget surplus, it is now, after five years of economic recovery. Instead, last year it was in the red to the time of nearly one-twentieth of

national output. In his Dictionary of Received Ideas, Gustave Flaubert set out a taxonomy of conventional wisdom. His entry for Budgets was short: "They never bal-ance." This 19th century complacency anticipated the Keynesian econ-omists' view that government borrowing is a good thing. It pumps up the economy, permits growth in public expeoditure; and, besides, reducing it is difficult.

But politicians, backed by expert opinion, have rediscovered fiscal orthodoxy. Over the course of a business cycle the government should not borrow too much. Some would say that its budget should actually balance over the course of several years.

It is the experience of massive borrowing that has prompted this swing in opinion. Britain's doubled national

borrowing have led to interest rates much higher than they would other-wise oeed to be. There is a danger of falling into a vicious circle of having to borrow more simply to meet debt interest payments, a trap the Italian vernment has fallen into.

Oce independent economist, Mar-tin Weale at the National Institute for Economic and Social Research, has called for an improvement through higher taxes of up to £14bn - more than 7p on income tax - in the government's financial position to get back to a sustainable path. The Chancellor tried vesterday to divert attention to boles in Labour's financial plans, but the problem is of the Government's own making.

Much as we would all like to pay

less tax, it is a luxury that should oot even he discussed until the financial damage bas been repaired. Then would be the time to investigate the Conservative view that a shrinking tax burden is desirable. For the time

being, it is not remotely sensible.

A prudent Chancellor would set improving finances in the run-up to the general election against their inevitable worsening later. The Conservatives have not found a way of balancing the books that has somehow escaped the Opposition's notice.

### Renewing your home insurance in February or March? If you are

#### 50 or over, you could save with Saga - call us NOW You will know how expensive

bome insurance can be. Thankfully, if you are aged 50 or over you can benefit from SAGA Home Insurance - a superior household insurance that is only available to mature, responsible people like you.

SAGA Home Insurance could offer you genuine savings over other policies, while giving you cover that fully protects your home and possessions.

The Saga Price Promise If you find another comparable policy at a lower price within 2 months of taking out SAGA Home Insurance, we will refund you the difference.

Services Ltd aga Services Ltd., FREEPOST 731

0800 414 525 quoting reference ID2710

Insurance cover is

low cost

Discounts for

home security

quotation

For your free no

comprehensive and

Free pen with your

Call us today

obligation quote simply

call us on the number

pleased to answer any

questions you have on

SAGA Home Insurance,

below. We will be

Oddelburg Square, Felicesteer CT20 1AZ Saga Services Ltd would like to send you information about other Saga products and services and may pass on your details to other Saga-companies for this purpose.

And why not ask us about our competitive MOTORENSURANCE

# **Austin Wright**

Austin Wright found his language as a sculptor in the forms of plants, in the human figure and in the folds of the Yorkshire landscape.

He was brought up in Cardiff, of English Quaker parents, and although there were youthful stirrings of a desire to become a sculptor, he nevertheless took an ortbodox route and read Modern Languages at New College. Oxford, and trained to become a teacher. His first posting, at The Downs, near Malvern, in 1934, set him in a school which was unique for its freedom of expression - W.H. Auden taught English; the art master, Maurice Feild, brought an exhibition of Dada to the school. The painter Patrick George, then a pupil, recalled that on Sundays "we remembered we were a Quaker school and sat in silence on rushcovered chairs for what seemed a very long time". When not tak-ing French and German lessons, Wright taught painting and sculpture at The Downs; and, as a gesture to his friend and colleague, acted as witness at Auden's wedding in Malvern to Thomas Mann's daughter

In 1937 Wright moved to York, the city and county that became his home for the rest of his life. While teaching modern languages at Bootham Schoul during the day, be taught art in the evenings, and felt his way as a sculptor. He approached Henry Moore for advice and encouragement, and recalled being told, quite bluntly, just to get on with it. Moore gave him a practical rip - that the edge of a piece of broken glass was good for finishing curved surfaces. There are echoes of both Moore and Barbara Hepworth in Wright's early figure sculpture, but gradually the tall, attennated, skeletal forms that became characteristic of Wright developed, and these began to set him apart from his contemporaries.

As a conscientious objector, Wright remained in Yorkshire during the Second World War, continuing to teach at Bootham when the school was evacuated to Helmsley. This lengthy con-tact with the North Riding landscape was the beginning of a lifelong romance with the hills and valleys of his adopted

Wright did what he could as an artist in the English provinces after the war to make London sit up and take notice. He exhibited small lead figure groups in Cork Street, and hoped for more exposure there; he took part in the LCC Holland Park Sculpture Exhibition in 1957 and was included in a British Council touring exhibition to Scandinavia and South America, where he won the Acquisition Prize at the Sao Paulo Biennale. He was noticed in particular by Charles Sewter, who wrote in the Manchester Guardian in 1955: "It would not be outrageous, far from it, to claim that Austin Wright is the most gifted sculptor working in Britain today.

Perbaps because be doggedly refused to move to London - he had married and had a young family by now - Wright's work tended to evade the concentrated focus of the London art world. He began to have other priorities, which would not be helped by close contact with the mainstream. After a brief but productive period of melting figures from concrete, Wright discovered in the early 1960s the sculptural potential of

It bad many advantages, among them extreme ductility which allowed thinner, more apparently fragile forms. And it was cheap, light to use and carearthbound materials of lead and concrete was for Wright like being sprung into the air. "It

ry. Being released from the projects its lightness," he said of aluminium. "It speaks out to any form of light in the sky. Come out into the garden and it chirps in a startling way."

During this period Wright took a renewed interest in plant

forms, most productively when he was Gregory Fellow in Sculpture at Leeds University, 1961-62, and in another characteristic motif based on the relationship of the human hip and torso. These sources naturally intermingled, reaching mature expression in Moon (1962, Leeds City Art Galleries) and Ring and Wall (1964, Bretton Hall College). Other work simply re-flected his joy at being alive. He windmilled his arms and gave a whoop of joy the moment be heard that he had sold a major work to an American collector - that whoop became Ring, a sculpture that could only possibly he made in aluminium so delicate, so fleeting that, like a soap-bubble or the gesture Wright spontaneously flung out that day in 1965, it practically

isn't there. Wright's sculpture was made not in a studio - there was no such place - but in the barn and long garden behind his house outside York. From the chaos in the barn ideas for eloquent, elemental forms appeared. The ring form, for example, evolved to the scale of the monumental Two Rings

was cut down and stolen for

His garden became Wright's primary source of inspiration. He drew there meessantly, making sheet after sheet of broad, open drawings of the form of the laurel leaf or of his apple trees which developed as material for sculpture. When York University awarded him an Honorary Degree in 1977, be made, extempore, a speech that defined his passion for the Yorkshire landscape:

It is the one place that I needed to return to to work. I could take all the journeys to fabled Shiraz and Samarkand without meaning. I am no tourist. It is here. I have always believed that, artistically, the real thing is under your feet.

Despite his 60-year immersion among the people and inflexious of Yorkshire, Wright always re-tained a Welsh lilt to his voice, and Weish turns of phrase: "Let's have a look-see," he would say as he opened an old sketch-book. If he had been in the thick of the national art world in the 1950s and 1960s (and there are those in Yorkshire who have ritually mourned that), the Austin Wright we now know would not have existed. Those rare, febrile plant forms, those noble rings would have become too knowing, too concerned with speaking an international language to have preserved their innocence.

like discovering evidence of a whole new school of art developing in parallel with the known world, a new country on a new

Austin Andrew Wright, sculptor. born Chester 4 June 1911; mar-(1975-77), sited briefly hut ried 1945 Susan Midgley (one majestically on the Yorkshire son, two daughters); died York 22 Moors above Helmsley until it February 1997.

out her long and successful

During a life which involved



'No tourist': Wright's Aquarius

Photograph; Jeny, Hardman-Jones

## Ursula Powys-Lybbe

In 1947, the English photogra-pher Ursula Powys-Lybbe set off for the Australian outback. Fresh from a career as a portraitist of London high society, she offered the services of her aptly titled Touring Camera" to the isolated homesteaders of the bush country. Uninhibited by her surroundings, she provided home por-traiture with panache for those who bad long since abandoned,

urbanity. Travelling and living in ber unwieldy but rugged ex-army Dodge command car, Powys-Lybbe enjoyed an idyli of freedom. With her partner, the Australian broadcaster Clare Mitchell, she delighted in the unconventionality of ber life, and exulted in her independence. In the bush, she discovered an eerie world. The mysterious landscape of the outhack contrasted fantastically with the stolidness of the draped drawing-rooms-which, decades out of date, and forever English, presented themselves daily to her camera.

Out and about with her Rolleiflex when the portrait sessions were over, Powys-Lybbe made an Australian documentary which was cogent and assured. The skeletal forms of dead gum trees, robust farmers seen in silhouette across the sheep range, the tawdry facades

One important area of Christo-

pher Hohler's work which Alan

Borg's otherwise excellent obit-

uary [19 February] did not

adequately reflect is his contri-

bution to liturgical scholarship, writes David Chadd.

The majority of Hohler's

published papers, and many of

his most perceptive reviews,

were within this field. This was

an area to which he devoted



Lady Mary Lygon, 1937

of small towns - all were objects of her curiosity.

Looking through the pages of her family photograph album in 1986, Ursula Powys-Lybbe remembered her girlhood as a glowing time of vitality and continuously referred, through-

himself throughout his life and in which he made himself an un-

rivalled master. It was as if me-

dieval liturgical history, with its

formidable technical difficulties

and its vast array of sources, po-

tentially touching upon every

part of intellectual and imagi-

native life, offered both the sort

of challenge which he needed

and the promise of the richest

Christopher Hohler

much roaming - to Egypt in the Thirties, to Australia after the Second World War - she clung tenaciously to the structure and order of family photography. Eschewing the chic of a nattily decorated studio in Bond Street or Berkeley Square, by the mid-Thirties, she had become itinerant. As the Rouring Camera", she became adept at photographing Society at Home. To the satisfaction of both portrayer and portrayed, her visits to country estates and town mansions produced pictures of lives untrammelled by exigency, untroubled by modernity. Strong chins, aquiline noses, and a profusion of handsome pets dominate this early work. Heady with an ominous partnering of glamour and power, her characters inhabit a secret and exclusive world. Powys-Lybbe was unknown

within the constellation of British avant-garde photography in the Thirties. While Beaton persuaded Cunards and Sitwells to gyrate to his commands, and Dorothy Wilding turned starlets into madowas of desire, Powys-Lybbe was content to allow ber sitters to position themselves among favourite objects, in her recently wed husband. their everyday clothes. When she walked into the offices of apart, she embarked on new

ed since 1890 to publish editions

of rare liturgical tens, and from

1954 until his death he served

on its Council. In a number of

the society's volumes he was

effectively a collaborating edi-

tor, and oue at least would not have appeared bad he not, with typical self-effacement, dropped what he was doing and

mastered its own material with

sufficient thoroughness to put

the Tailer in 1937, with a com-posite portrait of Lady Mary photographic projects, along with Clare Mitchell, who bad Lygon which showed not only

womanly beauty but also some of the most appealing aspects of being rich, the magazine promptly commissioned her to produce a series. To her great delight, it ran until the outbreak of war. Modish and stylish (though highly traditional in outlonk), the photographs presented an image of High Society which was exactly suited to the times. Modern, but without challenge to the status quo, sitters gazed from their portraits invulnerable in their own fashionability.

During the war she joined the. WAAF and took part in photographic interpretation at Medmenham, identifying 96 -. virtually all - of the V-1 flyingbomb launching sites, an experience she later described in The Eye of Intelligence, published in

After the war, Powys-Lybbe returned to portraiture with undiminished enthusiasm. Impatient with post-war cultural angst, she eagerly seized new opportunities. As plain Ursula Powys, she happily abandoned Mayfair salons for the bushland of New South Wales, where she had originally travelled to iom When the marriage swiftly fell

it into shape. His own pro-

posed magnum opus for the so-

ciety - a new critical edition of

the Sarum Ordinal - foundered

(he claimed) when he finally

realised that he would never

gct to see the most geographi-cally far-flung of its 200 or so

But that piece of perfection-

ist diffidence, when lightly

scratched, revealed an aston-

councils refusing them assis-

tance under section 21(1) of the

1948 Act (as amended by the Lo-cal Government Act 1972, the

Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977, the Children Act 1989

and the National Health Service

and Community Care Act 1990).

(t) Subject to and in accordance with

the provisions of this Part of the Act a local authority may with the ap-proval of the Secretary of State, and to such extent as he may direct.

make arrangements for providing: (a) residential accommodation for

The applicants were asvlum

claimed asylum at the point of

entry: Under the Asylum and

Immigration Act 1996 they were

Section 21 provided:

manuscript sources.

interviewed her on the radio. It was unfortunate that ber

within a feminist context.

. In her Thirties photography. Ursula Powys-Lybbe created a compelling picture of an English Dream. Mirage-like now, the young men and ladies of her portraits are without ambivalence. Through the lens of her camera, their aspirations, their vanities, their pleasures and their achievements are eternally celebrated. With her admiring and innocent gaze, she created an clegy for elegance.

Ursula Margot Powys-Lybbe, photographer: born Streatley, Berkshire 27 November 1910; married 1947 Druce Buckland: died Danehill, Sussex 13 January

ishingly extensive and detailed knowledge which could only

have heen acquired though

thousands of patient bours

spent in making transcriptions

and notes (his archive is leg-

endary) which were then pieced

together into a series of breath-

takingly imaginative and intri-

cate patterns, each to be tested

against his larger view of the

eventual return to England in the late 1950s coincided with the collapse of studio portraiture in Britain. It was not until she was in her seventies that her work was again seen in public. Showing in the National Museum of Photography's Women Photographers exhibition in 1986, the style and subject-matter of ber work hecame the subject of energetic debate. A buoyant, confident and irascible woman, she furiously opposed all attempts to place ber work

Williams's recommendation). Williams had just turned 17 when he sat in with the alto saxopbonist Jackie McLean (yet another Davis alumnus) in

Val Williams

was working with Jackie McLean named Tony Williams, he was so bad [i.e. good]. Man. over again. Trumpet players love to play with great drum-mers and 1 could definitely hear right away that this was going to be one of the baddest motherfuckers who had ever played a set of drums. Tony was my first choice."

After confirming his opinion

# **Tony Williams**

Jazz musicians tend to regard drummers as a necessary evil. A quintet might be described as consisting of four musicians and a drummer. More good jazz performances have been ruined by loud drummers than they have even by banjo

Occasionally the genius comes along who proves the rule - Jo Jones, Dave Tough, Buddy Rich, Max Roach, Philly Joe Jones, Tony Williams. These men were all drummers whose craftsmanship and instinct for the music transcended those of the horn players and pianists who would normally be more sensitive. Of these perhaps Buddy Rich and Tony Williams stood out as supernaturals. Williams was an intuitive ac-

companist whose work in that respect has correctly and often been described as astounding. Like Buddy Rich he was at home at lightning tempos and his accuracy at speed remained without flaw. He eschewed the customary accenting of alternate beats with the hi-hat cymbals and instead rebuilt the whole technique his own way. He largely abandoned convention-al playing early on, and con-sidered that it wasn't important for a drummer to keep time, always the first consideration in other branches of jazz. His solo playing was unusually expressive and full of drama.

For no particular reason, good drummers are often small men. Tony Williams certainly was, and yet be was so powerful that be was able to influence and direct the playing of one of the greatest of all jazz figures, the trumpeter Miles Davis.

Anthony Williams, as he was known when he first came to fame, was born in Chicago, but moved with his parents to Boston when he was about two years old. He became a child prodigy of the drums, beginning to play when he was nine. His father, a saxophonist, took him to sit in with the bands at the local jazz clubs, and by the time he was 11 he visited the clubs on his own.

"My father wanted me to play, but my mother didn't go for it. In a way be opposed my being a professional musician. He never tried to discourage me, but he didn't want me to go too far into it that it hurt me in my school studies. I was never there - or I was there but I wasn't doing the work. That was in 1962. I was working with Sam Rivers." Williams had begun his stud-

les with another drummer, Alan Dawson (who later became the drummer in the Dave Brubeck Quartet and taught at Berklee Photograph: Val Wilmet College of Music), while he was Williams was hardly into his teens when he began working with Sam Rivers, a radical, potent and severely undervalued jazz musician who played all the saxopbones and later, like Williams himself, was to join Miles Davis (by then at

Boston. McLean was so impressed that be asked the drummer to join his quintet in New York. It was when McLean's band played a concert in the spring of 1963 that Miles Davis first heard him. Davis recalled the occasion as being rather moving: "I heard this great little 17-year-old drummer who who just blew my fucking mind just hearing that little motherfucker made me excited all

of Williams with Philly Joe Innes, Davis moved swiftly to hire him. The impact on the Davis hand was instant, as Davis acknowledged: "... the direction the band was moving revolved around Tony".

Williams had many revolutionary ideas and he was inspired by the ground-breaking avant-garde of the saxuphonist Ornette Coleman (a musician for whom Davis had rather less respect). He also loved the music of John Coltrane and no those musicians who were prepared to take chances, even if it meant wrong notes or musi-cal disaster. For this reason Williams felt animosity uwards Davis's cautious but gifted tenor saxophonist George Coleman, and warfare broke out in the band between them until Coleman, perhaps wisely, decided to stand no more and left.

When Williams had joined, Davis's most innovative and effective rhythm section ever, consisting of the planist Herbie Hancock, bassist Ron Carter and Williams, had come together. It criss-crossed the world with Davis and his bril-liant tenor sax player Wayne Shorter over the next four years, as the band played and recorded some of the most potent and influential music of the second half of the century. Albums like Filles de Kilimanjaro (1968) and In a Silent Way (1969) were part of a library of classics built up for Columbia. They also superintended the beginning and the best of electronic music in jazz. as Williams became, along with the composer and bandleader Gil Evans, one of the main authorities nn Davis's music.

Williams and Hancock wanted to lead groups of their own, so they left Davis at the end of 1968. "It had been a great learning experience for everyone," said Davis, "Althnugb it was hard for me when they left me, it really was time for all of us to move on. We left each other in a positive place and that's all you can ask for."



Williams formed a trio, Lifetime, with the guitarist John McLaughlin and the organist Larry Young. He began to record for the Blue Note label in an association which was to last until his death. Although it survived for some time, Lifetime was not commercially successful. Williams's penchant at this time was for heavily amplified guitar and rock rhythms. After a couple of years away from jazz. Williams formed another band in 1975, but this too proved not to be durable.

In 1976 Williams, Wayne Shorter and Herbie Hancock came together again in a group which they called VSOP. They reformed sporadically over the years and in between Williams also played and recorded with Sonny Rollins, Hank Jones, Wynton Marsalis and bands of his own.

He became more ambitious and began writing for his bands, and by the time be recorded his Neptune suite in 1991 he was becoming a composer of some

Steve Voce Anthony Williams, drummer and bandleader: born Chicago 12... December 1945; married; died Daly City, California 23 February 1997.

# Births,

**Marriages** 

& Deaths

#### BIRTHS

MASH: On 21 January 1997, at St Mary's Paddington, to Camilla (nee de Sousa Turner) and Julian, a son, Harry Edmund Vere, a brother for Christabel and James.

#### DEATHS

ROWNTREE: Kenneth. (Painter), on 21 February, in his 82nd year, Beloved husband of Diana, father of Adam and Sasha. Kenneth left his body to med-ical science. A celebration of his life will be held at the University of Newcastle in March. 01434 633626.

Announcements for Gazette BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS may be sent in writing to the Gazette Editor, The Independent, t Cannda Square, Canary Wharf, London E145DL, relephoned to 0171-293 2012 or fixed to 0171-293 2010. Charges are £6.50 a line (VAT extra).

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Duke of Edinburgh, Precident Effection, World World Wilder - WWF International, already a present outstrane is World International, already a present outstrane is World Wilde Fund for Name's 1-tresh lot Left Compage, a reception and a dimer. 1-tresh lot Left Compage, a reception and a dimer. 1-tresh lot Left Compage, a reception and a dimer. Left Markov Left Compage is the Duke of Veril. It is already to Left Compage in the Duke of Veril. It adjusts to L. Lovadon WW. The Primare Wilden world.

#### Forthcoming

marriages Mr A. G. Houston and Miss L. L. Gregory

The engagement is announced be-tween Alasdair, only son of Mr and Mrs A. Houston, of Gretna Green, Dumíries and Galloway, and Lucy. eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Gregory, of Appin, Argyll.

#### Birthdays

Lord Bridge of Harwich, a former Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, 80; Mr Peter Carter-Ruck, solicitor, 83; Mr Johnny Cash, singer, 65; Sir Peter Cazalet, deputy chairman, GKN, 68: Mr Anioine "Fats" Domino, singer, 69: Mr David Edgar, playwright, 49; Sir Donald Farquharson, a former Lord Justice of Appeal, 69; Sir James Goldsmith, MEP and founder of the Referendum Party, 64; Dr Basil Greenhill, Chairman, Cenire for Maritime Historical Studies, Exeter University, 77; Professor Noteen Murray, Professor of Mole-

cular Genetics, Edinburgh University,

#### 62; Miss Sandie Shaw, singer, 50; Mr Everton Weekes, cricketer, 72.

Photograph: National Portrait Gellery

comradeship. From the yel-

lowing snapshots emerged a

Each of his articles contained

enough allusive reference to

source material to provide the

meat for four or five papers by

lesser scholars. Some of his

lasting contribution to the sub-

ject was more real than appar-

ent, being chiefly in the encouragement of others' work.

membership of the Henry Brad-

shaw Society, which has exist-

In 1952 he was elected to

#### Anniversaries Births: Victor-Marie Hugo, author,

1802; William Frederick Cody ("Buffalo Bill"), showman, 1846. Deaths: Roger II, King of Sicily, 1154; Sir Harry Lauder (MacLennan), comedian, 1950. On this day: the Bank of England issued the first one-pound note, 1797. Today is the Feast Day of St Alexander of Alexandria, St Nestor of Magydus, St Porphyry of Gaza and St Victor or Vittre the Hermit.

#### Lectures

Victoria and Albert Museum: Sally Dormer, "Medieval Altar Pieces", 2\_30pm.

Tate Gallery: Fred Orton and Grisel-da Pollock, "How is the Social History of Art to be Written Now?", 6.30pm. Institute of Economic Affairs, London SW1: Dr Nicholas Barr, "Pri-

varising Student Loans: a concrete

proposal", 6.30pm.

Changing of the Guard

### Asylum seekers entitled to support from local councils Regina v Westminster City Council and others, ex parte A

and others; Court of Appeal (Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Waite, Lord Justice Henry) 17 February 1997

Asylum seekers who were excinded by recent legislation from rights to public housing or social security benefits were nonetheless entitled to apply to local authorities for relief under section 21(1) of the National Assistance Act 1948 if as a result of their plight they were "in need of care and attention" which was not otherwise

available to them. The Court of Appeal dis-missed appeals by Westminster persons aged 13 or over who by rea-som of age, illness, disability or any other circumstances are in need of care and attention which is not City Council, Lambeth London Borough Council, Hammeravailable to them ... smith and Fulham London Borough Council and the Secretary seekers from Iraq. Romania, Al-geria and China. None of them of State for Health, and affirmed the decision of Mr Justice Collins on 8 October 1996,

granting the four applicants, re-ferred in only as A, P, M and X,

#### LAW REPORT 26 February 1997

medieval mind.

## of the Housing Act 1985 or to

social security benefits such as income support and bousing benefit. Nor were they allowed to take employment. It was accepted that they might receive treatment from the National Health Service. The question was whether they were also entitled to relief under section 21(1)(a), Michael Beloff QC with Clive Jones (C Wilson, Westminster) and with Nigel Giffin (C.T. Mahone); Hammersmith, and J. Curran, Lambeth) for the councils; Nigel Plening QC and Steven Kovats (Treasury Solicitor) for the Health Secretary as interested party; David Paratick QC and Stephen Knaffler (Clore & Co) for the applicants.

Lord Woolf MR said the 1996 Act did not refer to section 21 of the 1948 Act and thus left intact the applicants' rights, if any, under that section. The 1948 judicial review of decisions by the not entitled to either public Act replaced 350 years of the

#### housing assistance under Part III Poor Law and was a prime example of an Act which was "always speaking". Accordingly, it should be construed by continuously updating its wording to allow for changes since the

Act was written.

The councils argued that the purpose of section 21(1)(a) was not to provide money or accommodation for those who needed it per se, but for those who required care and attention. Asylum seekers' needs were for food and accommodation, not for care and attention and consequently, the councils argued, they could not avail

themselves of section 21(1). That was too broadly stated. The fact that asylum scekers had a need for food and accommodation which, but for the 1996 Act, would be met under other statutory provisions did not mean they could not qualify as having a problem which

resulted in their needing care and attention.

One of their problems was that they had to sleep rough and go without food. That could bring about illness and disability which could result in their needing care and attention "which is not otherwise avail-

able in them". The destitute condition to which asvlum seekers could be reduced as a result of the 1996 Act coupled with the period of time which it took for their applications to be decided, meant inevitably that they could fall within a class that local authorities could properly regard as being persons whose needs they had a responsibility to

meet under section 21(1)(a). However, section 21(1) was not a safety net on which any one who was short of money or accommodation could rely. It was for the local authority to decide whether each applicant

qualified.

Paul Magrath, Barrister

## unit trusts

and the state of the second state of the second state of the second seco

Foreign Exchange Rates 500 000 600 00 DOLLAR Spot 7 m 27 225 20 000 20 pt/5 20 pt/ 22 mi 2 1900 19509 19755 56526 19572 12186 12509 18843 15864 86555 14184 7483 14825 12671 7747 14950 32750 32750 32750 32750 10-4 54-45 20-35 20-35 21-20 21-20 5-70 22-77 22-77 3-2 160-90 5-16 21-52 20-16 20-23 0-0 0-0 20-23 0-0 31-28 84-56 203-55 1 540-655 50-53 281-276 7-67 4-35 7-67 380-270 380-270 380-270 380-280 58-285 50-183 50-183 50-183 YEAR Cold Greets has Bible Propert that Breat Land Secret Coldens and 200 HB 700 120 200 221 200 221 200 221 200 221 201 421 201 421 401 421 401 421 401 421 20640E 38164 11244 0.3957 39007 848066 44273 0.5727 0.7880 OTHER SPOT RATES Country 131585 0.6293 65.5146 43.0962 274.673 5.9495 927145 7235 45.0169 6,0040 0.9909 11.7943 10.507 8.2940 3.3996 4.9950 1795.00 261410 35.8720 0.3025 deal Expension Grah Entopen George St & Food Ing Frome Japan Growth Managed Morey Maries North Arouston 1980 126 1943 1943 127 1945 228 498 1940 199 56.56 409 1962 622 **Tourist Rates** 1043 1644 2068 4440 2068 Interest Rates USD4912 USD4912 R75% Decount 500% Region 5.25% Discount Central 800% Switzenier 440% Lorobard 250% Prone 450% Discount Fed Rands USD4389 USD4389 USD4229 USD46883 35% 250% 2000 8082 903 7001 4046 8530 5734 475% Spain 500% Spain 10-Day Repo Sweden 325% Repo (Ave) 83.50 e170 97.91 0.8 92.71 0.03 92.71 0.03 92.90 0.03 17.90 0.13 19.40 0.23 75% 2011 1022 2017 2017 2017 250% 7886 124 1970 174 1986 288 7142 888 7142 888 7143 882 7143 852 7450 129 1030 129 1030 129 1030 129 1284 129 **Bond Yields** 60% 543 735% 674 775% 726 625% 565 650% 650 557% 557 1676 0 27750 8 1800 500 100 107 100 10 **Money Market Rates** 16770 867 14590 2478 0928 1637 12540 457 3329 208 45820 9947 345 1693 346 9254 (887 9294 (887 19325 056 19325 056 19325 056 19355 056 19355 056 94,90 111,1 49,97 129,72 129,72 129,72 129,72 129,29 "Information professionals rank 27754 800 2823 090 2463 090 2623 258 2096 358 17002 060 841 122 **Liffe Financial Futures** Financial Times Information as the most 4175 QEC 1492 287 2004 QES 78338 000 89443 000 29590 400 2012 000 14043/146 48250 046 47235 000 7000 090 6086 000 3171 000 itConb fradéd important UK business information provider" 173-08 103-47 131-50 126.21 93.74 93.59 96.83 96.85 92.65 93.50 113-01 103-28 130-47 126-14 93-73 98-57 96-79 98-79 92-78 93-35 IFA Japan FA Major UK Cos FA Sarbr UK Cos FA Estopean FA American Brair Co FA Ada FA Japanean Scalir Co Mil Personal Penaha Long Git German Gvt Bo Italian Bond Japan Gvt Bd 3 Mth Starling 113-03 10337 13054 12637 8657 8657 9657 9630 9527 9630 9557 9586 43580 116830 141124 97810 3004 7305 11404 1482 43036 0 22975 0 1581 33330 987 656 12894 0 Annual Business Information Survey 1996, Financial Times Information provides online information from . 9672 000 5828 28 over 5,000 business sources comprising 43 million documents, as well as a database of 3.5 million securities and fundamental data Liffe FTSE Index Option on quoted companies. Call/Put For more information contact Andrew Hint on +44 171 825 8420, or email: info@ft.com | Age | Distriction inc | Age 161/0 130/133 2805 d108 1588 d175 1672 d074 1084 000 3032 182 1219 258 268 162 193/94 104/157 110/161 **Commodities** The state of the control of the cont 3 mins 29437 15550-400 48332 7105 18492 4334 LINE Stocker FINANCIAL TIMES Information を記録は、100mmのでは、100mm 9100-800 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-40 | 10-Antenament (Access Utility)

Focus Utility)

Focus Utility (Access Utility)

Focus Utility (Access Utility)

Focus (Utility)

Focus (Utility) PRECIOUS METALS
pm fb:/dz \$
Pudnum 372.75
Palactum H00
Sher apot 518.55
Gold Buth 35370 2 | METALS | 2 Colms | 372.75 | 2750 | 8 fterrin | 1400 | 95.65 | Britannia,5 cz | 516.65 | 316.75 | Britannia,25 cz | 516.65 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316.75 | 316 \$ 376 193 95 40 AGRICULTURAL AGRICULTUNA Cocon LFFE Eligan May 974 Au 974 Au 974 Vol. 7835 White Stopme May 9057 Oct 9715 Vol 1167 LIFFE Shores
Apr 5850
May 540
Jun 715
Volt 17 LIFFE LEFFE Strinder pt. Feb 1460 Mar 540 Vot. 47 Index 3116 CBOT# LIFFE May Jul Vot: 9420 9420 9720 9920 663 Settl 2000 2005 2075 Seems CM unq unq unq 3015 Soys Off Gocorus Oli (†) Sunitower Olic Repeased Off Groundrus Oil Mar Feb Unit May Feb R/100kg Shorne Shorne FL/100kg Shorne 1010 7650 1449 1025 9000 Street, Landay SDW-4EJ 47506 225 8237 144 909000236 20096238 20005343 2006343 8771 100 8771 100 18875 +20 Apr 18975 +20 May 1700 +10 Jun 6pm Spot CF North V 2125 Premilineated 2080 Naphtha 2070 FC Gasoli 2040 Heavy Rusi Ol Rischer; meli 204206 173,123 Vot. 43456 17205 Jul "since Solipin parvious day Year ago prices show Solice Product I would be Solice I would be soli | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 -195 275.28 -0.55 271.23 -3.74 25.66 +102 152.79 +128 191.05 +0.35 453.54 -1234 15565 +535 25342 -5225 9677 +935 9637 +228 17699 -226 50559 40.40 388 7129 000 1220 1220 2230 1230 2230 1230 2230 1230 2331 1230 2331 1230 2331 1230 2331 1230 2331 1230 2331 1230 2331 1230 2331 **100 Largest Insurance Funds** Steets Eastly Ser 4
Althony Seastly Ser 4
Althony Seastly Ser 4
Althony Intermetated Ser 5
Althony Seastly Acc Ser 3
Althony Seastly Acc Ser 4
Althony Seastly Acc Ser 5
ALTHONY Seastly Acc Ser 6
ALTHONY Seastly Acc Ser 6
ALTHONY Seastly Acc Seastl Brook Logal & General Harnagad Accura Logist & General Harnagad Accura Loriston & Marchanter Plantin Acc Loriston Egypty London Holge Spring Loriston Holge Harnagad Hardan Marinagad Harnagad Harnagad Harban Marinagad Harban Marinagad Harban Marinagad Harban Marinagad Harban Harnagad Harban Harnagad Harban Harnagad Harban Harban Harnagad Harban 1270 4.72 1645 247 2625 (24 1645 (3170 7276 417 1675 773 4080 18 | Shi | Shi | Chira
| Shi | Shi | Chira
| Shi | Shi | Shi | Shi |
| Shi | Shi | Shi | Shi |
| のでは、12年間のでは、 2010 3-5 2010 1-1 2578-4-0 2578-4-0 2578-4-0 2524-5 257 10 253 00 USD0627 25.00 (0.0)
25.774177
20184028
26184028
2618 258
2618 258
2618 258
2618 258
2618 258
2618 258
2618 258
2618 258
2618 258
2618 258
2618 258
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 2618
2618 26 200 - 100 - 5550 50 1822 00 2386 4540 7297 4394 9205 4554 3275 6735 9500 4735 11234 6735 11234 6735 11234 6735 11234 6735 11234 6735 11234 6735 1305 2149 16136 5837 5840 7785 543 UNIT TRUST GUIDE ex dividend exit charge applies when units are sold formerly 'offer' formerly told' Non SIB recognised funds FINSTAT - instant PC access to Financial Times Statistical data. For further information, call Leeanne Gilliar at FT Information

on +44 171-825-8430 or email: lecanne.gilliar@ft.com

FINANCIAL TIMES

Information

y Williams

ARY 1997 . THE INDEPENDE

Journ Date moved soft.

Journ Date moved soft.

Journ Hand we make the little of the l hi tegatil. Mary Phil described MY BUILD then the bring was made e ben then the formal was money
volved mound from
Williams had man be
from a side of the back
as any of the ground-back
as any exactly of the smooth ners than y hanjo # Hills Modell Partle of the south KINT HE Stant-game of the smooth e Tough am Then HA WELLIA Mine! Ity them wi

paned to take chances on of the and whole following and district for this for be men Williams telt ammosty inc Prihaps Prihaps Matternate of annual took and waring proke and at Hithe as bout between them unit in that man, perhaps which, dealer आर्थ राहर, छ anibaur. When Williams had job . Dates med innumber niam and effective thythm sections. **Chapted** Checine in the plant he consisting of the plant he Hancock, based Ron Ge and Williams, had coner rwed the Mennare examinate. gether in crise-crossed li while world with Davis and his \*\*\* Hc

fram fearen eas braien and Bulling. Shorter over the new long. માતાં હત્તા. as the band placed and not mettant. ed some of the most potar inflaentact music of the say tine al-Little and half of the century Albuma Filter de Kilimanjano (1968) History MACATIVE In a School Bire (1969) were of a laboury of classics but TCaxen for Columbia. They also se fen small intended the beginning and et rLunk best of electronic musicing J Kritery . ns Williams became along the composer and budge dilucture भ जाट औ Cut I vans, one of the g Incure s authorities on Davies me 21114 12 h 11.24

Age. Int

cars to

LEMPSHIT.

had the

Hick Mariff

as the set?

ter at 15.

Markley

Te for seed

alant!

i, i ai

. .

**M**. 7 23.00

7 . 113 . 2

्राक्ष <del>शर्</del>

187 لدمو ņr≃e and

100

400

4-1

1 1:

» i [+

4 V.4

2 ibir.

aren 71

17

Williams and Hancate Valle to est to lead groups of their wither left Davis at them. "It had been a 2 leafanne experience leres PART INC. one," and Davis 'Although a cluki was hard for me when the inte His me, it really was time for ant him in to pane on Welcheng er majemune place and all you can ask for."

ared the 4 4 1 20 " May " A STAR がよれた対象な Mr high a I atte an i fini ana epitt "many ar Alen atter the

The incident' Williams is 2 production to the me

chemas Williams terms dated time with the gotting? state tire Made employee and the end as choice Larry Vogens He begg mul. 1--record on the Blue N&F is short an an area are named as of the to last their break oth Albert er, like Manager the work time the les con Made that come there talls was ક્ષેત્ર કર્ય 100 Williams's peradianter the 417 the air by mark and grands and sock shiften the after way an this Williams to word another general total we see the control that the tree breath. Callenna to be abutable

In the Williams, R.C.

Lean - Should and Heibe lian see the wante topy that again man Then which the shed WE Singlified to the control of the con America Rossian Hank ley Later Werten Manual and had He has one more artists Marine Inches Mental Mari The state of the best like the state of the ey Acres

the state of the state of the state 424 44 . . respond . di 18. 18. 18. Hart Constant Constan graite<del>la</del> \*\*\* HE STATE THE STATE OF THE STATE Supplement of the supplement o

ocal councils and the state of t and attendant A Special Control of March 1995 A SECOND CONTROL OF THE SECOND CONTROL OF TH

Markety in the state of the party of

Application of the con-

Series of the series of the series of

egy and a final

The second secon

ATTENDED TO THE STATE OF THE ST

Padl Magrath [Links.

# business & city BUSINESS & CITY EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER

# Union up for sale as era of discount houses reaches end

Banking Correspondent

Union, once one of the most prestigious financial institucions in the City, is up for sale amid expectations of substantial job losses at the company which made its reputation as a discount house.

One of the names in the frame to buy what remains of Union is Joseph Lewis, the

the Christie's auctioneers, who The company, which has already has a 24 per cent stake. Warned it expects to make an in 1992 from Warburg's discount dealings in short-term money

Graeme Knox, а поп-ехесиtive director who is taking over temporarily as chairman of Union, said the company had received several unsolicited bid approaches over the last few weeks and was pursuing discus-sions with the interested parties, which he declined to name.

The bid talks belped push Union's languishing share price up from 86.5p to 95p.

operating loss in 1996 of £1.7m. house. is reorganising the top management. George Blunden, the son of a former Deputy Governor of the Bank of England. will leave as group chief exec-

group's finance director...

The discount houses are specialist banks that have traditionally had a monopoly on daily dealings with the Bank of England in bills of exchange. utive at the end of the week The Bank uses these dealings to along with Ian Martin, the set interest rates,

But the Bank is radically re-Mr Blunden's sudden de- structuring the way it-sets-inparture follows his own terest rates and is ending the attempts to clean up Union's "privileged position of the City's

market instruments to a wide range of banks, building societles and securities firms of UK or continental ownership.

Union, which dropped Discount from its name a few years ago; has told the Bank it does not intend to maintain its once privileged dealing position after 3 March, and will wind down its positions over the next few

based equity market-maker Aitken Campbell.

Mr Knox said he would accelerate the current strategy of building fee-based businesses and withdrawing from proprietary trading ones. Union will be left with two main business, Union Fund Management and Union CAL, a derivatives broker.

The remaining parts of

progressively closed down and the assets realised in an orderly fashion," Union said.

This leaves substantial scope for job losses from the firm, which is still shackled to the somewhat grandious group structure which derived from its roots as a discount house.

We are therefore taking steps to reduce substantially the running costs of Union which,

It is also in advanced discus- Union which have had, at hest, of necessity, entail the regretsions about selling its Glasgow- a volatile profits record will be table departure of many able whom there is no longer a role," Union said.

Mr Knox declined to give further details of how many of Union's 170 employees would be affected by the restructuring although vesterday he began a 30-day consultation programme with employees ahead of what is expected to be a "substantial programme of redundancies".

**BZW** set

to appeal

against

bid ruling

by Panel

BZW, the investment banking

arm of Barclays Bank, is con-

sidering appealing against a secret provisional ruling made

Chris Godsmark Business Correspondent

# NatWest paints cautious picture for UK growth

Banking Correspondent

Nat West paioted a cautious outlook for 1998 as it announced pre-tax profits of £1.12bn in 1996 down from £1.75bn. The bank also put an end to speculation that it was in the race to hid for Scottish Amicable by saying the rising price for the mutual life insurer could not be justified.

Nat West's profits fall, widely expected by the market, was the result of a loss of £719m on sale of businesses that included Bancorp, its US banking operation, costs of £186m on the redesign of its UK retail banking operations and a gain of £224m on the sale of its stake in 31, the venture capital company.

Stripping oot the charges, underling profits at NatWest rose by £339m to £1.61bn. However, its share price fell 36p to 776.5p on disappointment that it did not announce plans to return capital to shareholders as Barclays did last week.

In contrast with Barclays, which announced sharply lower profits at BZW, its investment hanking arm, NatWest's investment bank produced higher pre-tax profits of £462m, up from £304m. But the result, included a fall in bad debt provi- said this did not mean it would year. sions to from £114m to £18m. not proven to be correct.

Overall, NatWest increased its general provisions against bad debts by £50m and made specific provisions of £499m. Lord Alexander, chairman, said Nat West was forecasting a slower pace of economic growth in the UK next year and would

therefore adopt a more cautious approach to lending. Interest rates have to rise. This is our scenario whichever party wins the election," Lord

Alexander said. Derek Wanless, chief execu-tive, said this would involve a more cautious policy towards lending to small businesses and the construction and property areas. This was the time in the economic cycle - rising growth and rising consumer confidence that banks traditionally flost it" by increasing lending.

Nat West did not intend to fall into this trap and therefore, based on economic forecasts by David Kern, its chief economist, was preparing for a slower economic growth next year which might make it harder for businesses to repay debts.

"Their management is at odds with what is being preached by management elsewhere," said Peter Toeman, banking analyst at ANM Amro Hoare Govett. However, he

Lord Alexander said 1996 was the culmination of the reshaping of NatWest. Its retail bank, which laid off more than 3,000 staff during the year and has plans to make a further 10,000 redundant in the years ahead, included costs of £186m as it shut down more than 300 branches around the

The bank expects to incur a further £100m of costs in retail banking this year to cover the cost

of introducing new technology. Across the entire group, the bank will spend another £100m to reprogramme its computers to deal with the date problem arising from the turn of the

The bank's retail operation recently saw a deal with Tesco to offer hanking from its supermarkets fall apart, and Mr Wanless said talks were being held with lawyers about seeking compensation from the supermarket chain. At NatWest Markets, the in-

vestment banking arm, staff costs shot up from £510m to £726m, largely as a result of Martin Owen, chief executive of NatWest Market, said the

higher figure also reflected the

costs of acquisitions through the



Characters: Nigel Wray, chairman of Trocadero, is considering doubling the company's Blyton portfolio

Noddy & Big. Ears could find themselves spun off into a separate publicly quoted company under plans being considered by Trocadero, the property and leisure group which own the rights to the characters, writes Nigel Cope.

Trocadero, run by Nigel Wray and Nick Leslau, says it would consider floating the Enid Bly-ton portfolio as it develops a hroader range of popular children's characters. The company would include Enid Blyton's top works such as The Famous Five and the Secret Seven books as well as the Toytown series.

## Trocadero toys with idea of Noddy spin-off

ary last year but has already doubled the division's sales and. profits as it markets the brands more aggressively both in the and we are very interested in UK and the US.

In addition to exploiting the merchandising opportunities provided by Noddy and Big Ears. Trocadero hopes to develop other Toytown characters the company has re-negotiated centre based at the Trocadero Comment, page 21 | Trocadero paid £14m for the such as Mr Plod the policeman contracts and has reached an in central London.

Enid Blyton portfolio in Janu- so they can have books and storytimes of their own. Mr Leslau said: "The Blyton port-· for that 56 different characters other intellectual property. We've lonked at Sooty and Paddington Bear but nothing

has caught our eve." Since acquiring Enid Blyton.

agreement with the BBC giving Trocadero full control over Nod-dy merchandise and publishing. The plans were unveiled as Trocadero announced its 1996 results which showed the group's net assets per share had soared from 7.1p to 20.1p. This

excludes any valuation of the Enid Blyton catalogue. Gearing has been halved to 87 per cent and group turnover increased by 19 per cent to £10.7m. The upbeat message was overshadowed by a disappoint-

ing performance from Segaworld, the interactive games

work affiliates broadcasting in

Other industry leaders ques-

He also pointed to potential

dangers in the FCC review in re-gards to the large concentration

of satellite transponder capacity

the new company will control.

their own areas.

by the Takeover Panel, the City body which polices hids, over its controversial role in last year's hostile hattle for control of Northern Electric.
The Panel's 12-strong governing executive is thought to have reached preliminary con-clusions about BZW's role as broker to Northern during its unsuccessful defence of the £782m hid from US power generator CalEnergy. It is thought the Panel executive, which is made up mainly of City professionals on secondment from merchant

banks and accountants, is

proposing to criticise aspects of BZW's conduct during the hid. The investigation centres on a £250,000 "performance fee" which Northern agreed to pay BZW for services during the bid defence. However, the brokers failed to disclose the fee to the Panel when it bought a 2.3 per cent stake in Northern to bolster its defence. BZW has always vehemently denied that the sharebuying, which almost swung the bid outcome, was in any way linked to the performance fee. Complaints about the Northern defence led the Panel to extend the bid deadline, allowing Cal Energy to emerge victorious by the narrowest of margins.

The Panel has already publicly rebuked BZW for not disclosing the fee, but could hypothetically take further sanctions against the bank, including ultimately re-ferring the affair to the City watchdog, the Securities and Futures Authority. All the main participants in the Northern bid have been questioned, including Simon de Žoete, deputy chairman of Corporate Broking.

However, sources suggested the investigation had heen delayed by continuing discussions between BZW and the Paocl over the anticipated outcome. The Panel normally "agrees" its findings with those affected before making them public. This was the course taken by the pub-lic relations advisers Citigate in their rebuke from the Panel after they leaked confidential informacion to the press at the height of the Triplex Lloyd hostile bid for rival engineering group William Cook.

In exceptional cases companies can "appeal" against these preliminary rulings to a hearing of the Panel itself. This involves a separate committee, usually of 10 or more City professionals. A BZW spokesman last night declined to comment. "We never discuss speculation," he said. However, the organisation is thought to be debating

# EMU 'backed by bond yields'

Yvette Cooper

Bond dealers expect European monetary union to go ahead on time, according to the Bank of England's Governor, Eddie George. Speaking at the Euromoney International Bond Congress in London yesterday, he said: "The fact that yield curves in Germany and France are practically identical is consistent at least with EMU going ahead - at least with a narrow membership." But at the same conference,

leading commercial economists diverged from the bond market view, expressing serious doubts that EMU would go ahead on

The pattern of future bond yields reflects traders' expectations about inflation in the years to come. Yield curves for French and German bonds have converged to be almost identical, showing that the markets expect inflation in the two countries to be identical in future too.

Mr George pointed out that five-year forward yields in Italy and Spain remain significantly higher than in Germany and France, "suggesting that early EMU membership [for Italy and Spain] is not at all certain

in the eyes of the market." However considerable convergence bas already taken place; the interest rate differential between German and Italian 10year bonds has fallen by around 4 percentage points in the last

Germany and France also show a steep rise five years down the line. Mr George claimed this "suggests that in-flation is expected to be higher in the medium term. That could be associated with expectations of softer macro-economic discipline."

In particular, the Governor said, this could reflect market uncertainty about the strength of the new single currency, and about "how far the European Central Bank will in practice be free to pursue its statutory task of maintaining price stability".

Roger Bootle, chief econo-mist at HSBC, was among the speakers doubtful about EMU going ahead on schedule. "The odds are against it happening on

Simon Briscoe of Nikko Europe rated the chances of a single currency on schedule as 50-50. George Magnus of UBS said the chances were 60 per cent, "but the percentage is falling".

10204.87 3.191

Source: FT Information

### Sky boosts US presence with \$1bn pact David Usborne

Satellite and cable broadcasters in the US attempted yesterday to shrug off the prospect of fresh and potentially powerful competition from a new alliance between Rupert Murdoch's ASkyB and EchoStar of Colorado.

The deal, under which ASkyB will acquire 50 per cent of EcooStar, could transform the subscription broadcasting industry in the US. It is also designed to fill a critical gap in the global jigsaw of satellite services owned by Mr Murdoch, which

includes BSkyB in Britain and JSkyB in Japan. But the venture, which will

trade under the Sky name, faces several burdles. Satellite TV still lags far behind cable in the US and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is likely to scrutinise the deal.

The issue of fareign owner-ship, which has dogged Mr Murdoch's hroadcast activities in the US, is almost certain to arise again. ASkyB's original US partner, MCI, will bave 10 per cent of the venture. MCI, in turn, is in the process of merging with UK-owned British Telecom.

welcome for the \$1hn (£613m) pact from Wall Street yesterday. In early trading in New York, sbares of EchoStar were boosted \$8.50 to \$26.50, while Murdoch's News Corporation was also trading higher.

Growth among the four main direct broadcast satellite companies in the US, among which DirecTV is the leader, has recently disappointed analysts. EchoStar, moreover, is the fourth in the pack with only 400,000 subscribers accumulated since its launch last March. In combination, however,

EchoStar and ASkyB could an antenna to receive local netprove a highly potent competi-tor both to the other satellite players and to the terrestial cable companies. Together, they will hold many more frequencies than any of their competi-

tors, including DirecTV, with a capacity for 500 channels. Most crucially, bowever, the

tioned the financial implications of such new technologies, however. "There will be an accumulation of costs ... that are going to translate to the consumer in terms of affordability, suggested James Gray, chairman of Primestar, the secondlargest satellite broodcaster.

new company says it will have an ability not enjoyed by the other satellite providers to relay, through new "spot-beaming technologies, local television services to the largest US markets. Currently, satellite subscribers must use cable boxes or

and flexible than it is at present,

if adopted sensibly. Better

conditions could belp improve

the quality of the labour force.

Mr Philpott says a Labour gov-ernment should ponder this.

The potential for job losses as a result of imposing additional employment standards is greatest among small firms, but the report points out that the Social Chapter is explicit about the need to avoid harm to small and medium-sized businesses.

whether to mount an appeal. A CABLE & WIRELESS COMPANY DON'T BE TAKEN IN BY BT's PRICE CUTS. JUST COMPARE THEM TO MERCURY'S BUSINESS RATES It doesn't cost anything to talk FreeCall 0500 800 125 All peners and ranges compared against BI's basic safe far at 1972 and

# Major's EU employment fears 'overblown'

Diane Coyle Economics Editor

John Major's claim that signing the European Social Chapter would put 500,000 people out of work in the UK was challenged in an independent report yesterday.

The Prime Minister's assessment was "overblown, inaccurate and unresearched", according to John Philpott, director of the non-partisan think-tank the Employment Policy Institute. EU directives could in fact in-

Wpp Group Delta

crease the adaptability of the UK workforce. The report argues that intro-

ducing employment protection legislation on the continental model to the UK would not nec-essarily destroy jobs. Although it might have this effect in lowwage, hire-and-fire industries, in some sectors it could actually cre-

ate jobs by raising productivity. However, the Labour Party, should consider very carefully the risk that the impact of the Social Chapter would be extended in areas subject to qualified majority voting rather

Price (c) Charge (d) % Disease

189.5 13.5 6.7

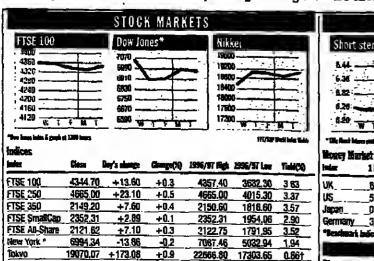
Energy Group 547.5 21 3.7

than a unanimous decision. These include health and safety, working conditions and equality. But the study argues that the trend on the Continent is towards less rather than more regulation in these areas. "There is no clear evidence

to suggest that employment protection raises total unemployment," Mr Philpott writes. The Prime Minister's claim was not backed by serious analysis. Indeed, increased co-operation between employers and employees could make the

The report accepts that any move to harmonise wages or benefits across Europe would damage UK job prospects. But it notes that pay, the right of association and right to strike are explicitly excluded from the Social Chapter.

Some matters covered by qualified majority voting, such as health and safety or working conditions, could impose extra labour market more adaptable costs on British employers, and



13520.26 +144.57 +1.1

3233.2t +49.00 +1.5

INTEREST RATES Short sterling\* loney Market Rates Bogs Yields 1 Houth | Hodge Bend (%) | Nor Ago 1 Tear Long Board (A) her has 6,63 5.72 3.19 3.09

6.2 Uthorn

5:9 Nati Westminster 776.5

CURRENCIES \$ (London) 1.6342 +0,07c 1.5400 \$ (N York) 1.6025 -3,30 1,5410 DM (London) 2,7386 +1.12pt 2,2285 Y (London) 199,364 + YO.118, 160,571

festerday Chango Tear less £ (London) 0.5119 -0.03 0.5494 £ (N York); 0.6240 . +2.58 0.6498 DM (London) 1.5758 ±0.51pf 1.4471 # (Landon) 121,995 +Y0.02 104,270 98.0\_\_+0,3\_\_83,1\_ \$ Index \_103.2 \_\_unch\_ 94 8 OTHER INDICATORS Testoring Bay's the Year Age hales Latest Trilge Heat Figs

154.4

0.7 258.63 8ase Rates - 6.00pc 8.75

109.7+2.8pc 107.0 25 Apr

Oil Brent \$ 19,65 0.1 17.80

216.65

the wall was to hand all was a service. THE RESIDENCE Child the stage of derroot from

with briefe.

Probat lake ...

Limine while !

Manual Property

BZW<sub>W</sub> to appe againg bid ruli Chris Godsman

Mediciner New 1-12 Therefore as thought the territor tere where here the ... teration of the State. more Thindenge is end of A part squit in si-consequent for the con-Manage was full A dinapper viere

State State Der an mie if Charles at S. 575. 1 - 17 Ber betreter Per shaif

MA STATE OF LAND BANK W. F. Military with the Mid AMiger ... 4 2 Mais = 20 T 17 met have

I TO NOT NO

and then Silve

और से अर्थ 👓 :

WIND RATES FreeCall OSOR 80012

# Labour should think about a Tube sell-off

#### COMMENT 'Given the wariness

of the private sector to get involved in partnership arrangements such as in the Private Finance Initiative, privatisation may

be too compelling

to ignore'

question might seem something of an academic one given that the present lot are unlikely to be in power for much longer. For those who are interested in such musings. however, there was not much enlightenment in yesterday's formal statement by the Transport Secretary, Sir George Young, His back-of the envelope sketch of how the sell-off

might work was vague, to say the least.

There are basically three options: sell the network off as a single operation; sell off lines individually; or use the British Rail model with a track company to which different train operators would pay fees. Unsurprisingly, given the looming election and Labour's opposition to privatisation of the Tube, there hasn't been much work done in the City yet on which of these options might yield the best result.

Whatever the outcome of the election, it will not alter the Tube's severe investment backlog, estimated at about £1.2bn and rising fast. Underground executives have already had to scrap £700m of improvements over the next three years. With Gordon Brown donning his hair shirt over public spending, the Underground can forget about asking for increases in subsidies.

So it may well be that eventually Labour is forced to dust off the privatisation option despite its distaste. The alternative - a series of investment partnerships with private cap-ital - looks both messy and impractical. As, What the bank realised by selling Bancorp

technically remove the company from the public finances, in truth it doesn't fool anyone. It is just Government borrowing by another name, and expensive borrowing to boot.

If anything, the Tube system is actually easier to privatise than the rail network. "It certainly isn't the kind of basket case the Government makes out," said one invest-ment banker. The Tube had sales last year of £937m, from which it made an operating profit of £130m. It also received state subsidies worth £383m. On paper that makes it a quite bankable proposition, capable of absorbing substantial quantities of debt to fund investment. Not such an academic question after all, it would seem.

#### NatWest may regret its caution

A complex set of results from a group in Atransition," was how Nick Collier, banking analyst at Morgan Stanley, chose to describe Nat West's results yesterday. A more charitable way of looking at them is that some-where in there, hidden beneath the confusion of disposals and acquisitions, there could be a good set of results trying to get out.

So let's have a look at what's been hap-

The Securities and Futures

Anthority, the City regulator, has suspended James Bax, a former Barings director, from

end of the year and ordered him

to pay costs of £10,000, writes Jill Treamor.

So how is the Government planning to privarise the London Underground? The
question might seem something of an acaquestion might seem something of an acaq the investment banking operation - Gart-more, Hambro Magan and Gleacher in the US. In capital terms, the amount NatWest raised selling off its remaining stake in 3i paid for provisions for branch closures in its main UK retail banking operation. The cost of dividends and share repurchases was rooghly balanced by retained profits from

continuing operations.

The net effect of all this toing and froing. then, is a surprisingly uncomplex and neu-tral one. What NatWest made last year, it has now spent in a careful, considered and piecemeal way. The stock market's disap-pointment with the results yesterday was more a reflection of the lack of any proposals for a renewed share buy-back programme than any immediate concern with underly-

ing performance.

There are, however, some worrying clouds on the horizon. One of the outward manifestations is the continuing high cost, relative to revenue, of investment in informa-tion technology. While this is an essential ingredient of modern banking, it highlights an obvious weakness in Nat West's long-term strategy. Once upon a time Nat West was the largest of the big four clearing banks in terms of market capitalisation. But from the Blue Arrow scandal in the 1980s onwards, its approach has been a highly cautious and conservative one, and it now finds itself number four in the hierarchy by quite a long way.

NatWest's reluctance to grasp the nettle and make a quantum leap may prove to have been the wrong approach. The danger for NatWest is that as a middle ranking player, both in retail financial services and investment banking, it will find itself progressively squeezed, neither small enough to thrive in specialist niche markets, nor big enough to compete with the lead players at the com-moditive and of these lucinesses. modity end of these bus

#### Greenspan should try some plain speaking

Ain Greenspan, the most powerful man Ain financial markets, is likely to be a shade more explicit than usual when he starts his twice-yearly Congressional testimony to-day – the so called Humphrey Hawkins testimony. The man who once complained that if his meaning was clear, he must have been misunderstood, has a clear enough message

to get across this time round. At a minimum, Mr Greenspan is likely to repeat his Christmas warning about the "irrational exuberance" of US stock markets. After a small hiccup, the Dow swallowed this criticism and has climbed another 11 per cent in just over two months. If it kept up the same pace, it would be approaching the 12,000 level by next December. The Fed chairman

fire another warning shot, flagging up the prospect of an increase in interest rates.

The Fed already has a bias towards tight-ening. Its last published minutes stressed the need for a swift reaction to the first hint of inflationary pressure to counter any ten-dency for "higher inflatioo expectations to be embedded in financial markets".

What has happened since then is an unmis-takable opward creep in labour costs. Both wages and, even more so, benefits, have been rising for about a year. The pace has accelcrated during the past three months. Other indicators, such as monetary growth, are also flashing amber. So even without the irrational exuberance of stock prices, the chairman of the Fed has quite enough ammunition to justify a rate rise in the near future.

If the stock market reacts to this week's testimony with a sizeable correction, it could postpone the day of reckoning. For it is in the price of shares and other assets that the inflationary froth is most evident. If not, there is an odds-on chance of a rise in US interest rates next month. In his testimony last summer Mr Greenspan said: "I am trying to think of a way to answer that question by putting more words into fewer ideas than I usually do." You have to think about that one, don't you? This time round Mr Greenspan would he well advised to forget his fondness for the Delphic and deliver an unambiguous message to markets; read his lips.

# **GRE** earmarks £1.25bn to spend on acquisitions

Peter Rodgers Financial Editor

Guardian Royal Exchange may spend up to £1.25bn on acquisitions, John Robins, the chief executive, said yesterday.

Rejecting pressure from City institutions for a share buy-back or special dividend to distribute some of the insurer's cash to investors, Mr Robins made clear be had plenty of other ideas for the money. However, his later remarks

about acquisitions depressed the shares, which had earlier risen to 295p after the publication of 1996 profits at the top end of predictions. They closed 4.5p down at 283.5p.

1, 23

the prospect of GRE buying a life insurance business which would require goodwill write-offs. Others said investors were worried about the length of Mr Robins' list of acquisitions and the risk of overpayment.

Mr Robins said that in the US, GRE had investigated four propositions in the last 12 months, but none had met its requirements for return on capital. Two possible purchases are now under examination, in the

£250m to £500m range.

Another area was life and health insurance in the UK, where a range of investments from £500m to £1bn was being studied. "We aren't prepared to Sp down at 283.5p. overpay," Mr Robins said. Scot-Analysts blamed the fall on tish Amicable, which is now be-

ing auctioned off, is outside

GRE's price range. Finally, GRE is interested in buying direct telephone selling operations, several of which are on the market, to add to its own rapidly growing business. Mr Robins said: "Any small

direct writer with fewer than 250,000 policies is oot going to survive. They can't afford the information technology investment and particularly the advertising spend. You have to spend a lot of money to get the telephone ringing."
GRE could raise cash of

£500m, is ungeared, and could borrow £750m. It would be prepared to spend £750m to £1.25bn on acquisitions, said Mr Robins, who added that it might decide to restrict its purhe had listed. GRE expects UK motor pre-

miums to rise by 8 to 10 per cent on average in 1997, following an

increase of 3 to 4 per cent in 1996, according to John Sinclair, executive director for the UK and Ireland. Group trading profit before restructuring costs of £39m was £281m, compared with £340m a year ago. Realised and unrealised investment gains were £409m against £472m a year

earlier, giving pre-tax profits of

£651m against £812m. The dividend was raised 11.1 per

cent to 10p a share. Net asset value was 281p a share. GRE is the only large insurer to include all investment gains and losses in its pre-tax results, but is confident others will come into line for their 1997 accounts. Investment column, page 22

## SFA suspends Bax until 1998

its register of directors until the Barings directors, although some appeals are outstanding.
The SFA said Mr Bax admitted that he had failed to The move against Mr Bax, who was based in Singapore, is the last of the SFA's disciplinary proceedings against former request the authority to rem-

tention of senior management to these matters. He also admitted he did not

deal with the "SLK receivable" transaction with sufficient edy weakness in the organisa-tion of Baring Futures SLK was an unreconciled Singapore or draw sufficient at-

identified by auditors of Baring (Futures) Singapore in January 1995 and reported to Mr Bax on

1 February 1995. However, the SFA said it had taken into account the fact that Mr Bax did not appreciate the significance of the transaction.

He had no product responsibility for the proprietary trad-ing activities of Nick Leeson, the trader who stacked up the £800m of losses that broke Barings in 1995, the SFA said, nor did he have any knowledge of

futures and options. Richards Butler, the law firm acting for Mr Bax, said be denied any liability in the SFA pro-



#### Forest's new Ronson owners to float continues comeback within months

Gerald Ronson continoed his

progress back to the big time yesterday, unveiling a £135m The new owners of Nottingham development programme of leisure centres on the Conti-Forest plan to float the football nent, his second big property launch in a week. Mr Ronson believes that

while the UK leisure market is approaching saturation, there are big opportunities across the Channel. Heroo is to develop a 250,00 sq ft leisure and retail-scheme in Madrid, two sites in Paris and two in the north of France, each approximately 200,000 sq ft in size.

The Madrid project typifies what Mr Ronson anticipates will be "a series of branded parks across Europe, working with the highest quality operators". It will inleude a large multiplex cinema, six restaurants, a bowling centre, a family entertainment complex, a bingo hall and

John Willcock

This oew phase in Heron's life marks a significant comeback after the post-Eighties property crash. Nearly 80 banks vere forced to write off around £1bo in debts.

Mr Ronson himself had a spell in Ford Open Prison because of his involvement in the Guinness Affair. But crucially the banks decided to stand by him.

**Nigel Cope** 

club "in the next few months" with a valuation at the top end of the £30m-£50m bracket. The comments came yesterday from Nigel Wray, the charman of the Trocadero and Burford property groups, whose consor-tium won control of Forest in a £19.3m deal on Monday night. He said accountants KPMG

were already at the club preparing Forest's accounts and a finance director was being sought. Mr Wray, who also owns the Saracens rugby club, said he

would only be a non-executive director of Forest: Existing chairman Irving Korn will re-main in post while Phil Soar, the former Blenheim Exhibitions chief executive will become chief executive. Irving Scholar, the former Tottenham Hotspur chairman, will not be a director but will act as an adviser on football matters.

Mr Wray said he had no current plans to expand Forest into

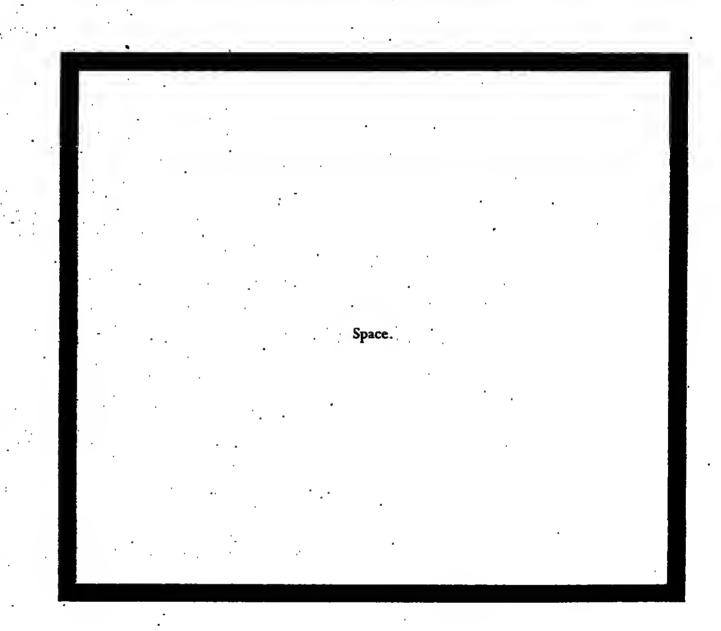
rugby or other leisure areas. The priority is to stay in the Premier League and move our Under the structure of the

Forest deal, Mr Wray will be the largest single shareholder in the clnb with a stake of 27.4 per cent. Irving Scholar will have 16.2 per cent. Julian Markham, chairman of the Glengate prop-erty group, will bave 14.6 per ceot, and Nick Leslau, Mr Wray's key business partner and chief executive of both hold 10 per cent. Singer & Friedlander, the merchant bank holds 10 per cent and the Football Fund, a football investment trust launched earlier this month by Singer & Friedlander, has just under 5 per cent. Phil

Soar will have 1.8 per cent. Mr Wray, who admits he is more of a rugby man and a lapsed Tottenham Hotspur supporter, said he had been attracted to the Forest deal by the underlying value of the club. He pointed to its solid support, which includes 18,000 season ticket bolders. "It is a club with a good solid base," be said.

He said he had not spoken to Forest manager Stuart Pearce ahead of the deal as be had oot thought it appropriate. The victory of the consortium

ended a six-month battle for control of the club.



## There's lots more of it in Emirates' new Business Class.

More room: up to 52" seat pitch on Airbus aircraft and one of the most luxurious seats in the sky on our Boeing 777s. More comfort: supportive leg rest on all Business Class seats. More of the same: personal video, phone, fax and the finest champagne, wines and cuisine. Need we say more?





OVER 197 (NIERNATIONAL AWARDS, 41 INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS. FOR DETAILS CALL EMIRATES OR YOUR LOCAL TRAVEL ADENT. http://www/ekgroup.com/

# Worrying flights of fancy on display at Guardian Royal

John Robins, chief executive of Guardian Royal Exchange, disappointed investors yesterday by rejecting pressure from the City for a share buy-back or special dividend. But be also gave them something more worrying to chew on when he claimed he bad lots of ideas for spending the company's cash

nile on acquisitions. Indeed, he went as far as giving a list of target areas, which rattled a market that normally prefers cash in the hand to the flights of fancy by their cor-porate leaders. So the shares slipped 4.5p to 283.5p yesterday despite results at the top end of predictions.

Mr Robins is looking at life and health insurance and direct sales operations in the UK and is toying with a couple of possible acquisitions in the US. The share price reaction was the clearest demonstration of the niggling worries the City still has about GRE. especially if it buys a life business, which would require a goodwill write-off. It does not trust the company with a hlank cheque for up to £1.25hn, the outlay the company could afford from its own resources. This includes £500m of cash and £750m in new debt which could be loaded onto an

ungeared balance sheet. A fresh management and a determined and largely suc-cessful attempt in the last few years to catch up with the techniques of the late 20th century insurance industry, including direct selling, has not entirely overcome the memory of the dud acquisitions of the late 1980s, GRE lost a packet in Italy and overpaid for a takeover in 1reland.

Restructuring, which cost £39m last year, has produced a streamlined UK business from a hotch-potch of companies, including the recently acquired general insurance siness of Legal & General. Mr Robins described this as an interoal merger, whose benefits would pay for the restruc-turing cost within two years.

Trading profits – excluding restructuring charges and the volatile investment returns, which are the other component of pre-tax profits - sank to £281m from £340m a year carlier. But this was expected, after a year of price wars in a downward-turning insurance cycle. The embedded value of the life husiness, published for the first time, came in near the top of forecasts at

EDITED BY MAGNUS GRIMOND

in this year's dividend to 11p, the forward yield of 4.8 per cent puts the shares on around a 15 per cent premium to the sector. Even so, and despite their sharp recent rise, they still trade at a discount to net asset value of about 8 per cent, against a premium of around 10 per cent for most insurers. This may reflect the residual suspicion surrounding the company and the absence of any obvious hidders.

For those prepared to for-get the past, the shares do not look expensive. But at this stage of the insurance cycle they are no more than a hold.

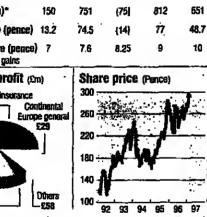
#### EMI seeking added Spice

The only consolation for bolders of EMI shares is that they have not done as badly as those of Thorn in the wake of the long-beralded split of Thorn EMI into its separate music and rental businesses last August. That divorce bas proved a pretty poor investment of lavish advisers' fees, with EMI having lost over a quarter of its value against the market since then and Thorn plunging by a massive 57 per cent against the FTSE allshare index.

On the face of it, yesterday's figures from EMI, showing profits slashed from £373m to £326m in the nine months to December, justified the market's jaundiced reaction. Last year was not a good one to be

The pound's strength shaved £16m from an operating profit that sank from £332m to £306m and the company warned the full-year effect could be nearer £25m. Meanwhile, after an exceptional period for new record releases in the third quarter of 1995, this year the bonanza has been deferred to the final quarter. But EMI is not short outdone, the Beatles three-volume anthology has sold 13 million double albums. The full year will include releases from

Guardian Roya	al Exc	nang	e : A	agi	ance
Market v	atue: £2.68	nn, strare p	rice 283.5	p ·	
Five-Year record	92	93	94	95	96
Premiums written	3.004	3.300	3,703	3,776	3,732
Pre-lax profits (£m)*	150	751	(75]	812	651
Earnings per share (penci	13.2	74.5	(14)	77	48.7
Dividends per share (pend -includes envestment gains	ce) 7	7.6	8.25	9	10
1996 Pre tax profit	(Em) .	Shar	e price	(Pence)	
UK & Ireland general insutance £163————————————————————————————————————		300 -	3	- 4	3 27



#### THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

Assuming a 10 per cent rise Blur and Mansun, who have already come straight in at num-

ber one in the UK. The third-quarter problems were well telegraphed to the market and are contamable. Analysts reckon the currency hit next year will be below £20m, for instance. More serious is the continuing dire state of US music retailing. which has suffered from overexpansion and cut-throat competition. EMI has provided over \$8m for the move into Chapter 11 of Camelot, one of the chains, and if Musicland, the US equivalent of Our

could be upwards of £10m. In the long run, the market for recorded music may resume the 7 per cent or more growth typical of a few years ago, while penetration of CDs in western markets is still below 50 per cent. But underlying profits of £380m for the full year would put the shares, up 4.5p at £11.975, on a forward multiple of 23. High enough.

Price, follows suit, the hit

#### Wimpey builds on swap

Exchanging its minerals and construction business for Tarmac's McLean Homes 12 months ago has proved a good swap for George Wimpey. Operating profits rose by 55 per cent to £51.7m in 1996, making it the best year for the househullder since 1990. Pretax profits doubled to £31.5m and McLean is already making 14 per cent on capital employed, replacing the 5 per cent achieved on the business offloaded. Earnings per share of 5.8p cover the unchanged dividend of 5.5p, the first time for two years, while gearing only

rose from 33 to 39 per cent. and

is on the way down again. Despite the good news, 1996 was only an average year. Selling prices rose as a result of an improvement in product mix.
UK house completions actually of talent, led by the ubiquitous fell 11 per cent. Chairman Spice Girls, who are ready to seriously rival the Beatles, and chief executive Joe Dwyer admits Wimpey's own product with 7 million album sales to mix bas been looking rather their name so far and singles tired. The drop in governhits in 32 countries. Not to be ment funding cut social bousing completions by a third. McLean Homes, which concentrates on four-bedroom detached homes, dipped only 3 per cent in spite of Wimpey stopping the McLean custom of cutting prices to push through completions just before the year-end. Meanwhile, Morrison Homes in the US remains in the red and profits on

> sorbed by restructuring costs. The current upturn in the housing market is strongest inside the M25 where Wimpey is weakest. Overall, it is not expecting to raise the number of completions this year, al-though Mr Dwyer thinks prices

sales of surplus assets were ab-

might rise by 5 per cent. Profit estimates for this year range from £40m to £60m. Much will depend on progress in selling off a further £88m worth of surplus assets, how well the updated styles sell, and how long the housing recovery lasts. The shares, down 1.5p at 140p, sell on around 15 times future carnings. Hold.

# Question the world is dyeing to ask Branson

Forget the Spice Girls, the bottest topic of conversation at the Brit Awards on Monday night was – does Richard Branson dye his bair? The grey strands seem to be disappearing from the Virgin boss's mane of sandy hair with the speed of one of his hotair balloon descents.

Virgin's press office was completely stumped by the question yesterday. "I don't really know what to say," said a apokesperson.

So - does be or doesn't he?

Guardian Direct has invited a lucky colleague of mine to a health farm for the "relaxation treatment of your choice".

This intriguing inducement is being offered as part of Guardian's launch of a new private medical insurance product, to be sold over the phone, on 3 March.

The "relaxations" will take place at the Espree Club, Royal Mint Court next to the Tower of London. The fortunate journos will spend a day using the gym, sauna, jacuzzi and "entry to fitness classes".

"We can also arrange for you to have a relaxation treatment of your choice after the briefing." Lordy, 1 trust my colleague will keep his Y-fronts firmly on.

Everyone knows you're not supposed to heat your client at golf. Alex Snow, part of the broking team at BZW which deals with Nigel Wray's Trocadero, took no notice of this over the weekend, however, when he played

rugby for Harlequins.

Quins handed out a thrashing to
Saracens, the Enfield-based rugby club which was bought last year by none other than Mr Wray.

Unabashed, Mr Snow popped up at yesterday's Trocadero results meeting. Perhaps Mr Wray should sign him up. Then the tycoon could get broking advice and sporting glory in one package.

No doubt those high-powered corpo-rate financiers at Hambro Magan feared they would be moved from

## PEOPLE & BUSINESS



Hair today: Is Richard Branson more colourful than ever?

their smart town house in Queen Anne's Gate into NatWest Market's Lubyanka-like City head office in

Bishopsgate after the recent takeover. However, Nat West Market's chief executive, Martin Owen, bas found them a "miniature Kew Gardens" to work in, slap bang in the heart of the

City.

Mr Owen decided that the new place should take him no longer than

five minutes to walk to from his own office in Bisbopsgate, and be came up with bijoux Crosby Court. Now he can drop in on George Magan and the chaps without breaking sweat.

Yesterday niche merchant bank Guinness Mahon celebrated both the past and the future. A raft of senior bank directors attended the opening of the Denis Mahon Collection of Italian

Baroque paintings at the National

Gallery.
Sir Denis, a scion of the hanking family which originally hailed from Cork, formed his collection of 17th and 18th century paintings earlier in the century when the art establishment turned its nose up at the style. A good example of counter-cyclical in-

vestment, perhaps.

Also yesterday, Guinness Mahon formally lnunched its hid for an Arts Council of England film production franchise. The bank is part of Partners in Film, a consortium of four film finance and distribution companies. Partners in Film has formed a joint venture with Elton John's Rocket Pictures, EMI Music Publishing, HTV and Yorkshire Tyne-Tees TV, to bid for the franchise.

It certainly represents a step up from Guinness Mahon's financing of Sooty and Sweep.

Stand by for the UK's first offer of shares over Intercet. Darry! Mattocks, 32, founded the Internet Bookshop five years ago and needs fitm to expand the company, which as its name suggests flogs books over the Net. The placing and public offering via brokers Shaw & Co will take the company's market cap to £3.3m. Mr Mattocks is refreshing proof

that the US doesn't have a monopoly on computer nerds made good. He designed his first computer game at the age of 15 and then moved on to design systems for SG Warburg and National Westminster Bank.

Not that it's all sporty youths in baseball caps. Chairman Simon Pre-ston has over 35 years' management experience and has already built and sold one private computer company.

The Internet Bookshop claims to be the UK's "clear market leader" in selling books via the Net, with 894,000 titles on offer. The holding company for the float is called booksbop.co.uk plc. As a sweetener, investors get a 10 per cent discount on books they huy through the company.

John Willcock

## Shire buys US drugs delivery firm for £105m

**Magnus Grimond** 

Shire Pharmaceuticals, the small group floated a year ago, is to increase its size by more than two-thirds following a deal to pay up to \$170m (£105m) for Pharmavene, a US drugs deliv-ery commany based in Maryland. which is licensed to Athena, part ery company based in Maryland.

in sustained release drug delivery products, announced that its £73m stock market flotation had been heavily oversubscribed" at 250p a share.

To part finance the Pharmayene deal and other acquisitions being contemplated, Shire is raising £11.5m by way of a onefor-ten placing and offer at 214p a share. The group is also un-derstood m be in negotiations for the purchase of a unnamed company in Europe and a product range in the UK for total of £14m.

Despite the flood of new equity, the share price dropped just 3.5p to 234p yesterday as analysts welcomed the deal and news of lower than expected losses of £105,000 in the latest six months. Dr Rolf Stahel, Shire's chief executive, said it had effectively achieved break-even in six months, rather than the 12

months forecast by the market. Pharmavene gives Shire another 11 potential new products, taking the pipeline to 30. The US group has created a highthroughput method of screenformulations penetrate human cells in the laboratory. It is ap-prospects.

plying the results in 11 projects to develop technologies for the delivery and release of drugs more effectively into the body. The lead product is Carbarrol,

a controlled release form of carbamazepine, a drug used in the The news came as Core of the Irish drugs delivery group Group, a company specialising Elan, could be launched later this year. If successful, it would compete directly with Novartis Tegretol drug, which had sales of \$340m in 1994.

Another product under development is a more efficient version of Glaxo Wellcome's Zovirax anti-berpes drug. But the bigger potential could come from an oral form of Calcitonin. used for the treatment of brittle bones, which could attack a world market currently put at

Separately, Oxford Molecular, a biotechnology group. announced that it was investing £500,000 in Cambridge Combinatorial, a new drug research company run by Allan Marchington, the brother of Oxford's chief executive Tony Marchington.

Oxford will take a 20 per cent stake in Cambridge. The new company plans to use combi-natorial chemistry to supply potential drug prospects to other drug and biotech groups. It claims it will have an edge on similar companies by providing ing how well particular drug a narrower range of compounds for screening as new drug

## Sema set for a year of bedding down

Nigel Cope

Sema Group, the Anglo-French computer services group, said yesterday that 1997 would be a year of consolidation after three acquisitions last year. Sema said that of the new purchases British Rail Business Systems was performing well while Telis, the fixed telephony group should break even in 1997 and move into profit in 1998. Syutax, the former facilities management arm of Olivetti, is being integrated and made a significant contribution to the 1996 results.

Announcing a 35 per cent in 1996 profits to £50m Pierre Bonelli, Sema's chief executive, said that the company would spend the current year bedding down its new deals but added: "Obviously, if there is a good opportunity passing by we

He added that following the success of the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games, where Sema was the official information systems supplier, the group is ex-pecting a similar involvement in the Sydney games in 2000. However, he acknowledged that the contract for the World Cup football tournament in France next year had gone to Electronic Data systems of the US.

The company is concentrating on the fast growing Anglo-French information telecoms and husiness systems markets this year. Though the company is expanding into Germany and the US. Sema plans to focus mainly on organic growth.

Spending on technology has been growing rapidly in tele-coms and Sema has signed an agreement with Global One, the alliance of Deutsche Telecom and France Telecom.

Sema, which is quoted in London and Paris, saw profits rise 35 per cent to £50m in the year to 31 December. Sales increased by a similar amount to £927m. Organic growth rose 20 per cent and the order book grew by 66 per cent to £1,25bn. Last year's £99m rights issue the company's first - has left Sema with net cash of £18m. Sema's telecoms business

grew by 44 per cent and its business systems division, which includes high-margin outsourcing contracts as well as systems integration operations, saw 46 Sema is hoping for expanding

workloads as companies prepare computer systems for European Monetary Union and the 'miliennium problem" of adapting computers to the year 2000. Sema's shares, which have surged from 532p to 1275p over the past year, closed 11.5p

#### IN BRIEF

 Energis, the telecommunications business owned by National Grid, yesterday slashed its international call prices to business customers by up to a third, in a move that could ignite a price war with British Telecom. Energis introduced a new tariff for business customers who spend about £70 or more per month on calls. Calls to France, Germany and the USA will fall to 10p a minute. Mike Grabiner, Energis chief executive, claimed this made Energis the cheapest mainstream telephones business in the world. He said be intended to raise the group's share of the UK's £1.5bn a year international call market from under 1 per cent to 5 per cent. Energis also insisted it could make a profit on the new tariff.

 Birmingham Midshires Building Society reported an increase in taxable profits from £63.9m to £70.7m for 1996. Mike Jackson, chief executive, said the society "does not feel itself under any pressure to link with another organisation simply because other societies have decided to do so". He said the society "continues to research all the options so as to ensure that it is fulfilling its duty to act in the best long-term interests of the society". He said there were plans to extend the product range by launching a credit card, motor and travel insurance products. Separately, the neighbouring Coventry Building Society announced a drop in pretax profits from £41.7m to £24.15m due to the "planned parrowing" of the interest margin.

 Volkswagen, the German car company, more than doubled net earnings in 1996 to DM687m (£251m), from DM336m in the previous year. Turnover climbed by 11 per cent to DM100bn. Sales of cars rose by 10.7 per cent to 3.99 million.

 Matthew Clark, the troubled cider producer, has appointed Robert MacNevin as group marketing director with effect from 1 May. Mr MacNevin joins from Guinness Brewing Worldwide, where be is currently marketing and business development director for Europe after four years working as marketing director of Guin-

 Penny Hughes has joined the board of Mirror Group, joint owner of *The Independent*, as a non-executive director. She was president of Coca-Cola Great Britain & Ireland until January 1995. She also holds other non-executive directorships at Next, Berisford and Body shop.

• French consumer prices rose 0.3 per cent in January after a 0.2 per cent rise in December. The year-on-year inflation rate was 1.8 per cent in January compared with 1.7 per cent the month

 Neepsend, the engineering group, warned that pre-tax profits would fall short of market expectations and be lower than the previous year's result of £1.9m. The company blamed the shortfall on a downturn on Ferro Alloys, and delays in the supply of items of investment at Cintride. Neepsend's shares dived from

 Company cars continue to be a popular benefit, with many companies increasing the value of vehicles allocated and some decreasing the replacement intervals after a period of tightening up on cost in the wake of the recession, according to the latest company car policy survey by remuneration advisers Monks Partnership. Report editor David Atkins added that tax changes had done little to reduce the attraction of cars, with few drivers tempted to accept a cash allowance instead.

 Capita, the outsourcing and support services group, boosted profits in 1996 by 31 per cent to £12.3m. Turnover climbed from £87m to £112m. The total dividend is being raised by 23 per cent to 4.8p, and is accompanied by a two-for-one bonus issue of shares.

Due to an inadvertent error in yesterday's edition the pre-tax profit 1996 for Leeds & Holbeck Building Society was incorrectly stated. and should have read £18.27m.

	Compa	ny Resu	ts	
	Turnover £	Pre-tax £	EPS	Dividend
Admiral (F)	90.8m (85.5m)	11.2m (9.83m)	11.6p (10.7p)	
Alumant Group (1)	84.9m (64.9m)	6.53m (6.75m)	10,75p (12p)	2 24p (1 88p)
Charterhouse Continu (1)	2.21m (1.52m)	0.37m (0.30m)	0.23p (0.14p)	2.45p (2.45p)
Donaldica Energy (F)	0.45m (0.59m)	-0.5tm (-3.31m)	-1 10 (-7 2m)	DIF (-)
ENG Group (N°)	2.56bn (2.69bp)	326m (373m)	46.50 (53.3p)	mil (raff)
Capita Group (F)	112m (87.5m)	12.29m (9.42m)	14.3p (11.8p)	- (-) 4.6p (3.9p)
lermys inv Props (F)	- (-)	1.3m (1.07m)	5.840 (5.490)	
Mersey Docks & Harbour	(F)140m (131m)	29.7m (31.7m)	22.77p (24.48p)	5.5p (·)
M-K Group (1)	18.5m (16.6m)	2.35m (2.17m)	2.8p (2.6p)	12 75p (11.5p)
Halffest (F)	-(-)	1.12bn (1 75bn)	23p (67.6p)	1.2p (1.2p)
Polyment Pherer's (†)	0.12m (-)	-1.07m (-)	-7p (-)	290 (-)
Mcarde Group (I)	52.1m (46.0m)	-13.7m (2.37m)	-320 (3.4p)	· (·)
celitati TV (F)	127m (98,9m)	81 2m (20 2m)	65.9p (27.7p)	2n (2p)
Sema Group (F)	927m (678m)	50.0m (36.9m)	30.34p (24.25p)	16.7p (-)
Shire Pharmaceetical (1)	9.88m (12.1m)	-0.11m (4 63m)	-0.2p (14 6p)	<b>δ</b> ρ (5φ)
William Staglair (I)	22-0m (18.5m)	2 24m (1.76m)	6.8p (5.4p)	• (-)
Irecadere (F)	10 7m (8.94m)	1,23m (1.83m)	0.15p (0.58p)	2.1p (1.9p)
Beorge Wimpey (F)	1.26bn (1.57bn)	31.5m (15.6m)	5.84p (1.5p)	• (-)
(F) - Final (f) - Joseph	Ort. Management	( Outs)	e-aut (1 db)	<b>80 (5p)</b>

## Docks dispute cost Mersey £800,000

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent** 

The long-running dispute between 329 dismissed dockers and Mersey Docks and Harbour Company cost the group £800,100 last year, it was revealed vesterday.

However, Trevor Furlang, Mersey's chief executive, said discussions were continuing which could lead to a sertlement. some 18 months after the industrial action hegan. The Transport and General Workers Union, which is not officially supporting the dispute, is trying to broker a deal where the dockers would set up a company

to supply services to the Port. Mr Furlong said he was optimistic about talks scheduled for next week. "The germs are there, but we've got to develop it. We still come back to the basic question, which is why the dockers won't hold a secret ballot. We believe a majority would vote to end the action.

dockers, who were dismissed for refusing to cross a picket line, rejected an offer to reinstate 40 jobs, with pay-offs of £25,000 for the rest. The new offer adds another £3,000 to the settlement.

Jimmy Nolan, chairman of the Merseyside Port Shop Stewards welcomed Mr Furlong's comments, hut said: "We see no logic in having another postal ballot. We wish to be reinstated and we've said that all along. We've had a show of hands on this." But Mr Nolan said the company had to end its relationship with a local employment agency that had recruited replacement staff and must negotiate work exclusively with the dockers' company.

Mersey Docks yesterday announced a 16.5 per cent rise in operating profits for last year to £43.8m. However, headline pretax profits fell from £31,7m to £29.7m after the £9m cost of closing the loss-making Eurolink Ferries operation. The group alsu said it intended to raise investment this year to £48m, after In a postal ballot last July the spending £20m in 1996.

# Sell-offs boost profits at Scottish Television

**Clifford German** 

Exceptional gains of £33.2m from disposals helped Scottish Television achieve record profits of £61.2m last year. The acquisition of Caledonian Publishing has also provided the group with a broader operating base and made a significant contribution to profits.

The group plans to change its name later this year to reflect the move towards a multimedia company, executive chairman Gus Macdonald said yesterday.

The recent sale of the 20 per cent stake in HTV acquired from Flextech in 1995 to United News & Media was part of a programme of selling off lowyielding investments to help finance the £120m paid for Caledonian, The disposal realised £73.7m and created an exceptional gain of £37.3m. United also bought Scottish TV's 5 per cent stake in ITN, which yielded a further excep-

tional profit of £3.9m.

Excluding exceptionals, profit before tax was still up 40 per cent to £28m and operating profits rose 37 per cent to £25,6m.

Turnover from continuing operations grew by 16 per cent to £114.7m. Operating profit from continuing operations increased by 26 per cent to £23.9m, earnings per share rose by 13 per cent to 31p and a final dividend of 13.2p brings the full year figure to 18.7p, an increase of 15 per cent. .

Broadcasting turnover rose by 8 per cent and operating profits rose by 24 per cent to £20.6m. Advertising revenues also improved 8 per cent to £81.4m, increasing the company's share of ITV net advertising revenue from 4.77 per cent to 4.91 per

cent. In the second half of the year it was back above 5 per cent. Programme sales leapt by 47

per cent to £29.3m, helped by

delayed deliveries from the pre-

vious year and several new com-

missions including the drama

sales contributed record oper ating profits of £3.3m. Caledonian Publishing, publishers of the Glasgow-based

Herald and Evening Times contributed £126m to turnover and £1.7m to operating profits in the final 12 weeks of the year. The integration of Caledonian is proceeding smoothly, cost reduction targets are being achieved and the opportunities for selling advertising across television and newspapers show great potential, according to Mr Macdonald.

Audience figures for Sky Scottish, the new satellite channel launched with BSkyB in November have been initially small but the financial impact on the group is minimal to date.

The outlook for 1997 is good in spite of the uncertainties created by the impending general election. Disposals leave Scottish Television with £14m of net cash and make it well placed to fund future expansion. The series McCallum. Programme shares rose 7.5p to 637.5p. down on the day at 1238.5p.

# market report/shares

Data Bank FISE 100 4344.7 + 13.6 FTSE 250 -4665.0 + 23.1FTSE 350

HARY BUT - THE INDEPENDE

ask Branson

to are due business of the National

Sai Factive a scant of the hole

the former in confection of the

the southern the confection of the southern when the southern when the southern the strength of the southern the southern

About the factor of the bill for the factor of the factor of the bill for the factor of the factor o

house the terms of the product

to be a superior of the factor of the factor

further and describing some further and describing some fartiers or film has formed by

Carriers on their new formed and active with I from todays Reckel their todays Reckel and Alexan Publishing Michigan Publishin

for the manner of the second a separation Commence Mahana image.

Strand by her the UK stirstoffer

Straid by the tree of the first offer share over lateract. Darry

Branche price in the strate who may got

the many stripes to the bodger of the formal and the company of the bodger of the company of the

Not The placing and publication was by the 10 Shaw & Countinged Counting and publication was by the 10 Shaw & Counting and the 10 Shaw was a superior state.

Mr. Mattocks is retreshing and that the U.S. doesn't have a man

east exaministical necession more and for the age of 15 and then moved on Pentonial Meximinates Bull aparts and asserting the control of the

Soft that it will spotts toubing based will cope Chattering Small

experience and his alreading caparitine and computer one sold one pricate computer one The Internet block-dap dame be the UK a clear market leak

selling beach the the Net wings tables in other. The holding one has the theat is called backings be promotive mendial per cent discount on bookship through the corpora

select as any there is the transperber a thirtif, on a troops on two-liftyman lebennite laterpie in the main fine Particular, Newspire on the Co. C. C. Name of enterner, formeren er er er er en eller. Etternere manneter en er en eller bet

at linear man count of the or other formula. Entergramme at least property of the contract of

indicate the blood of the state of the state

sidistic parameter between the motivation tele amost tree overgreen section, on the folials. school made and the comment of

the Companion was a construction of the Companion of the

to the described cutes product of the state Samuel Services and services are services and services and services and services are services are services and services are services and services are services are services and services are services are services and services are services ar

mere perhaps acres
(ii) (New Joseph )

Localities

Sonay and Sweep

Biotech is back. After a share price meltdown in the second half of last year the sector has returned to favour with investors, helped by anticipa-tion of good news flow and an

upturn in the US biotech market\_ According to Dr Erling Ref-sum at Japanese broker Yamaichi, many large financial institutions now take the view that they must have some ex-posure on fundamental grounds to the UK biotech sec-

tor - the second-largest of its kind in the world after the US. In a 69-page review just sent out to clients, he estimates that the underlying intellectual assets in the sector are growing at an average of between 30-50 per cent a year while the number of quoted companies is now large enough for a portfolio approach to reduce individual company risk.

beat announcements, the most high-profile of which came this week from PPL Therapeutics, responsible for technology which created Dolly the lamb, the world's first cloned mammal. The shares soared another 67.5p to 455p, for a

MARKET REPORT

Hello Dolly as biotechs dance back into the spotlight

PATRICK TOOHER

Blue chips followed Wall

Street lower with the FTSE-

100 index closing at 4,344.7, up 13.6, but 13 points below the

day's best showing. The main casualty was

NatWest Bank, down 36p to

776.5p, as analysts rushed to

trim their forecasts after a dis-

appointing set of final results. The main concerns were rising

costs and a lack of news about

Dresdner Kleinwort Benson's

Also touching new highs yes-terday was BTG, up 16.5p to 591.5p, fuelled-in part by takeover hopes. The UK gov-ernment's golden share in the world's leading technology transfer company expires next

AIM-listed PolyMASC Pharmacenticals advanced 10p to 133.5 after posting a maiden loss of £1.1m on sales of £117,000.

Recent speculative buying has also been seen in blood products group Haemocell, whose shares have come off their all-time 3p low. There is talk the stock, unchanged at best-performing blue chips. a 7 per cent yield. Pace Micro M&S advanced 14.5p to 503p, hit a new low of 157p, down 3p. closely followed by Next, 16p better at 609.5p.

Among the laggards sell advice from UBS, BZW and Dresdner Kleinwort Benson was enough to wipe out all of Monday's gains in Thorn, down 13.5p at 189.5p. EMI, its former stablemate, had a volatile session, dipping 36p in an immediate knee-jerk response to weak nine-mouth re-sults. But the shares recovered to close a net 4.5p higher at 1,197.5p as the negative impact

of currency factors was dis-

Also in the doghouse was a share buy-back. Some switch-ing out of NatWest was also seen, with Barclays the main beneficiary, up 26p at 1,122p. Further consideration of Dalgety, off 6p at 332-5p as HSBC lames Capel lowered its recommendation to hold, but rival food producer Hillsdown Holdings fared better, adding a penny to 186p ahead of next week's results as Nat West high-lighted expectations for dou-

ble-digit earnings growth and

Analysts hope that a rare speech by BSkyB supremo Sam Chisholm at a cable conference on Thursday may also provide long-awaited news that Pace has won the contract in

maker SEP sent the shares crashing 10.25p to 26p for the day's biggest single fall. Shares in Motion Media,

the Ofex-listed video phone maker, paused for breath, slip-ping 10p to 270p. The shares have been stellar performers in recent weeks on hopes of a big video phone deal with BT that would transform the company.

MM is also exhibiting its video phnne, launched last November, at the Cebit trade

Share Price Data

The independent index

☐ William Sinclair, the garden products group, flowered November, at the Cebit trade fair in Hannover next month when an agreement with Deutsche Relekom may also be 221.5p, their best level for

☐ The latest top-of-the-bull-

level of inquiries for the forthcoming Birmingham City flotation has been "over-

whelming". Queues formed yesterday outside the execu-

tion-only broker's Birming-

rushed to sign up for beat this morning's 10 n'clock deadline for applications. This despite the Blues' miser-

ham headquarters as fans

able form on the football

to take over from Trevor

on AIM on 7 March.

pitch and reports that club

Francis as manager after dealings in the shares begin

captain Steve Bruce is poised

market signal comes from ShareLink, which says the

96.40 + 0.20Share spotlight

Certainly sentiment has been helped by a clutch of up-

positive review of retailers pushed Marks & Spencer and Next to the top of the list of 5.5p, could hit 10p soon.

"I don't

have to get

dressed to

FTSE 100 Index hour by hour

price are in sterling except where stead. The yield is last year's dividend, grossed up by 28t (20 per cent, sole percentage of the share price. The price/earnings (P/E) ratio is the share price divided by last year's earnings per share, excluding exceptional stams.

Other details: It is rights x Ex-dividend a Ex-all u Unlisted Securities Maries a Suspended pp Perby Paid pm NI Paid Shares. 2 AM Stock

Source: FT Information

The index allows you to access real-time share prices by phone from London States The Exchange, Striply del 0881 123 335, and when prompted to do, so enter the 4-digit of sate present next to exchange access the best financial reports del 0881 1233 following by one of the two-digit codes below.

Anyone with a tone-dial telephone can use this service. For a detailed description of The Independent Index, including its portion facility, phone 0891 123 333. For assistance, call our helpine 0717 873 4378 (900am - 500pm). Table cost 80p per minute. Call charges include 900

2149.2 + 7.6SEAQ VOLUME 821.7m shares, 50,690 bargains

Gilts Index ...

Brilleding / Construction

De constructi

per cent of the shares. In its re-port Yamaichi notes Cantab's "stunning" genital warts trial results while the emergence of drugs giants Smithkline Received and Private as not Beecham and Pfizer as part-

two-day gain of 36 per cent. This follows news last week

that Protens had successfully

developed a speedier test for detecting BSE with the bless-

ing of the Irish government. Shares in Protens, 7p higher yesterday at 87.5p, have nearly tripled since the breakthrough

Cantab Pharmaceuticals

benefited from the institu-

tional buying, rising 2.5p to 867.5p as the Prudential

emerged as the owner of 3.81

was reported.

dressed to go to my banking

2 0800 24 24 24

The state of the state o

## sport

# Couch's difficult fight for respect

Britain's only woman world boxing champion defends her title on Sunday in New Orleans. Nick Halling met her

nn the gloves in preparation for a sparring session. He outweighs his opponeot by a good 40 pounds and has an undeniable edge in strength and power, but knows that he is to receive a daunting test not only nf his ability as a boxer, but nf his very manhood. He is about to enter the ring with Jane Couch, Britain's nnly female world boxing champion.

Three rough, hostile, uncom-'I was brought promising rounds later it is up to look after all smiles, the two embracing myself and if in mutual respect and, from the male persomeone gave spective, a sense you any lip of relief. In preparation for the defence of you'd fill 'em in' her Womeo's

International getting into Boxing Federation welterweight fights at school, and whose title in New Orleans on Sunday, Couch has dispatched a succession of cocksure training partners whose aura of masculine superiority has been rudely shattered by the champioo's relentless aggression.

"Some people laugh at women's boxing, but they'd better not laugh at me," the 28year-old from Fleetwood said, Tve sparred with lads who've had 60 or more fights, and they

MRTIGALLEY

the young fighter appears average six-round male pro-anxious as his trainer laces fessional a run for his money, and there aren't many women who can say that."

Couch represents the legitimate face of female pugilism, a woman whose dedication to her craft has meant leaving her Lancashire home for life nn a farm in Bristol owned by her trainer. Tex Woodward. Here she is subiected to a spartan regime of conditioning which has transformed her from a crude brawler into a polished boxer.

The discipline does my head plained. "I'm not used to being in bed by 10.30 every 10.30 every night, and doing what I'm told." It is a far cry from the girl who always

> nose for trouble meant that mayhem was never far away. "I'm not a violent person, but I was brought up to look after myself, and if someone gave you any lip, you'd fill 'em in." One day she saw a television documentary on women boxers, and realised that here was a way of combining husiness with plea-

seemed to be

"I didn't know women could had 60 or more fights, and they box and to be honest, I thought can't even hurt me. I'd give the that if you can fight - which I



could - you could just go ahead and do it. I didn't realise you had to train hard and work at it." Couch made her debut in Wigan two years ago, taking par-ticular delight in knocking out a London policewoman inside two rounds. Three further victories followed before she was invited to challenge for the

the Freochwoman Sandra Giger last May. It was grim stuff, Couch, right eye swolleo and hlackeoed, ultimately hreaking Giger'a oose and spirit over 10 gruelling raunds which revealed both her streogths and weaknesses. "Giger was better, stronger and more experienced hut couldn't cope with

Jane's relectless aggression."

Woodward said. "Jane had

is highly intelligent, and a quick learner. I've tried to show her that there is more to somehody, and she's respooded.

All of which will be essential

if she is to prevail in New Orleans against the vastly experieoced Andrea DeShong. world title in Denmark against Female boxing is acknowledged and accepted in the United States, the rugged Christy Martin is a regular oo Don King promotions, and is probably the best-known woman boxer in the world (the Couch camp feigns indifference to the knowledge that DeShong is the only per-son to have defeated the formidable New Yorker).

As a consequence, American women have greater opportunities to pursue their careers energy, heart and personality, but couldn't box. However, she United Kingdom, where preju-

dices run deep and the typical reaction to women fighting is one of disdain. The British have boxing than just whacking a bad attitude to women in sport generally, not just in boxng," Couch said. "I meet people who criticise female boxing all the time, yet they've never seen it, and aren't aware of the work that goes into it. You'd think that people would be

proud of having a world cham-

pion, but instead, they're very

quick to knock." Couch believes that greater exposure will help women's boxing achieve a greater degree of respectability in this country. Female fights on male shows are commonplace in the US: suc-cess, against, DeShong could lead to the Fleetwood woman being invited on to a major British promotion.

That is also the ambition of another British fighter who will be small screen.

inperior Seworteans. Having progressed through king fu and a Chang Cheryl Robert-son a Sycar-old mother of two from West Bromwich, is hoping to become the WIHF's banpotential being called into ques-tion. Martin, the game's most hankahle name, was absent from King's last promotion, officially with an injury. However, there have been dark taniweight champion. "Winning won't change my life just yet," she said; but if if helps the powers marmurings that she was dropped after demanding a purse of \$100,000. m'the UK to include women in Couch remains undaunted,

confident in her ability to make their events, then it could be the start of something big."
But big money is likely to chude them for some time. it both in the ring and as a personality. "I've got to keep the title, because no one will want to know me if I lose," she said. Couch will earn just \$2,000 (£1,265) for defending her ti-"But when I first saw that documentary, I promised mytle, admitting that a full-time juh would provide a more reliself that I'd become a world champion, and he rich and fa-

able means of making a living.
Instead sine supplements meagreening earnings with television
appearances, her exuherant
personality a natural fit for the hit of fame, all I need now is the mooey. In a business infamous for the exploitation of its participants, Even in the States, women that might turn out to be the are now finding their earning toughest fight of all.

mous. I've got the title and a

## Mullally's finest catch of the tour

Cricket

Alan Mulially had a day to remember in New Zealand yes-terday, although it had nothing to do with batting or bawling. Fishing off the coast at Napicr, where England were preparing to play New Zealand in today's third one-day international, the Leicestershire fast bowler caught a 60lb Mako shark after a

45-minute struggle.
The shark was taken back to the England Intel in Napier, destined for the team barbecue. together with about 40 crayfish

also takeo during the trip. On dry land in South Africa. Australia completed their buikl-up to the first Test with a fifth consecutive victory yesterday. The tourists cruised to a 79-run victory against a Transvaal Invitation XI in Soweto, scoring 261 for 7 in their 45 overs and dis missing the local side far 182

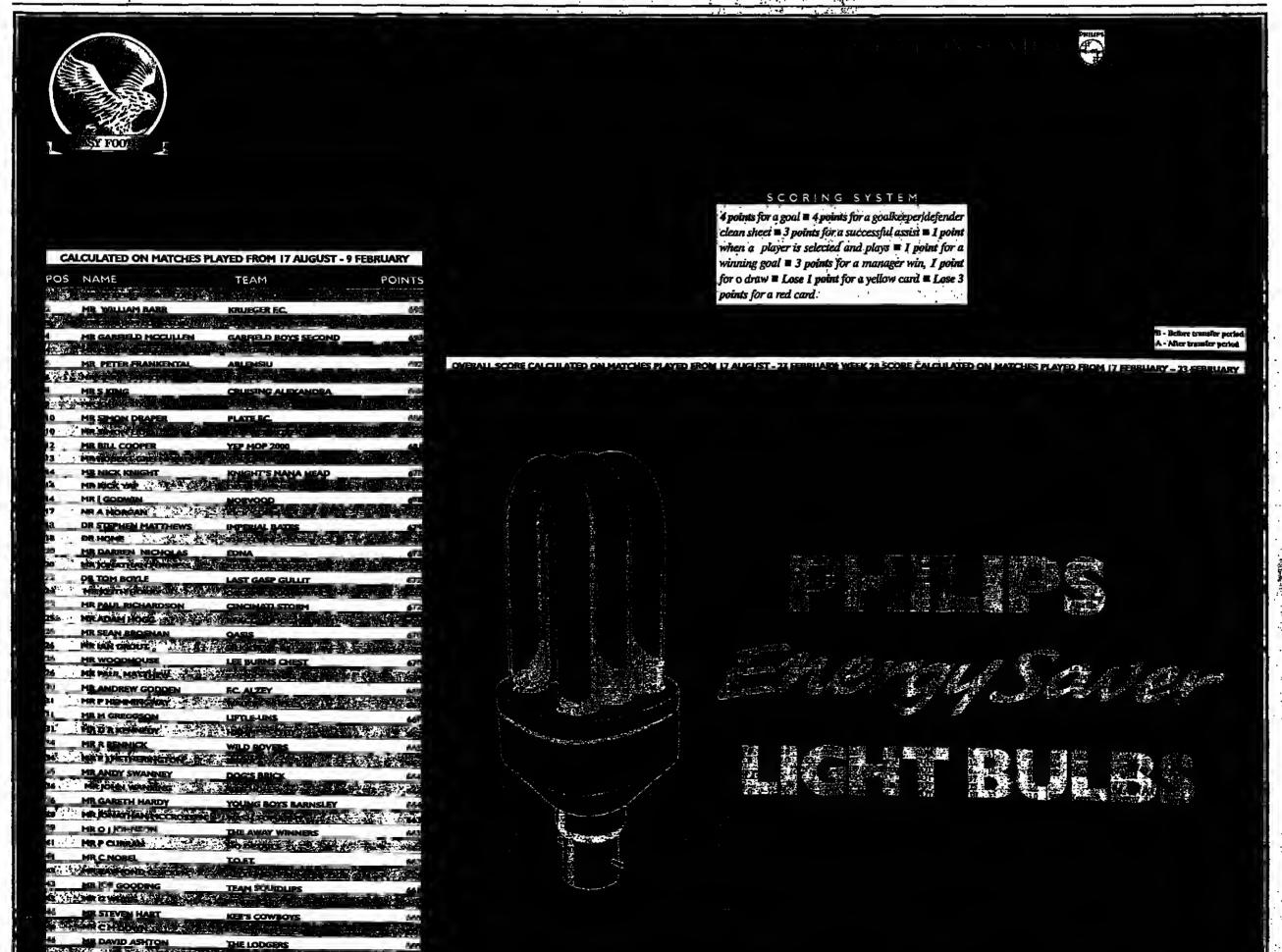
The game was over as a contest by the 10th over of Transvaal's reply when Nic Pothas was caught off Andrew Bichel without scoring, reducing his side to 29 for 5.

There were only two stands of substance for the home side -first between the Transvaal allrounder, Andrew Hall, and a Johannesburg schoolboy. Solly Ndima. They put no 53 for the sixth wicket, Ndima making 35 from 41 balls with six boundaries before having his middle stump removed by Greg Blewett. The Transvaal captain, Clive

Eksteen, made 42 from 64 balls and added 54 for the ninth wicket with Wayne Kidwell, who finished 30 not out.

Earlier, Justin Langer (63) and Matthew Elliott (69) had laid the foundation for Australia's challeoging total by putting on 117 far the second wicket and the tempo was lifted when Michael Bevan (49) and Matthew Haydeo (47) smashed 98 for the fourth wick-

et in 11 overs. Australia have now won all five games before the first of three Tests against South Africa, which starts in Johannesburg on Friday.



# catch of the tour

F - THE INDEPENDENT

to merthers with about the craylet The gathe wheelest acomconference to due my his side to 29 Lan 8 There were only two sand

of substance for the home sic fact between the Transactal to detice : Nation Hall and also Transaction schooling, Sa Salama Physipation Sharde at I spatte which I Sama making did to stone of the Lord Bleach The Transcale arism Che I hastern product a homolog. and the production of the the mathematic State Commit William Kalayil white party below being

7 (10 5 5 7 ) , a 200 (192

the first of the Same mante continue in this collar



Irish fields in recent years. A well-dressed pairing of English owner and trainer has bought a horse for a six-figure sum from relatively scruffy local chaps in turned-down Wellingtons. The people on one side of this bargain are, by great taproom wit, reputed to be daft and easy to fool. A dispassionate observer of these outdoor transactions the charten which back to might find it a little more diffithe England hotel in Naper and the three that the term battern cult to find the dupe.

Nicholas Cooper can cer-tainly be considered no dolt as he has built up a serious fortune in business, but he had to lay out a goodly slice of his profits last month on an Irish novice hurdler called I'm Supposin, who had run just once over timber.

The portents though are good that this money will not be chasing the poorly-speculated rest as it cascades down the grids. On his second outing, I'm Supposin waltzed away from Finnegan's Hollow at Naas, and that runner-up then all but beat the highly-rated Istabraq at Leopardstown.

I'm Supposin may now have posted just two runs over hurdles in his life, but his form and promise mean this useful former-Flat performer is a 7-1 chance with Coral for the Champion Hurdle itself.

I'm Supposin will not need a return portion on his ticket to Prestbury Park. Win, lose or draw he will be transferred from his current digs with Kevin Prendergast in Kildare to Cooper's favoured trainer in Britain, the Sussex-based Richard nev to one of Britain's brightest freshman talents from one of Ireland's most venerated

Kevin Prendergast, who will be 65 this year, is the son of the legendary P J Prendergast, and

2.30 DURANO (nago 3.00 Crown Equips 3.30 Peak A Boo

Richard Edmondson on Ireland's chief challenger for the Champion Hurdle

brother to Paddy, a fellow trainer. A former leading amateur rider, he lists his interests as farming and breeding, which is quite understandable when you learn that he has been on the lookout for seven brothers. Andrea, Penelope, Louise, Norma, Anne, Amanda and Natasha are the seven brides he has been seeking to bankroll.

Prendergast sure

about Supposin

Down the years Prendergast has won plenty of his domestic Classics and, in 1977, he sent Nebbiolo over to Newmarket to win the 2,000 Guineas. Most recently he supervised Oscar. Schindler's dramatic campaign last year, when the huge chest-nut finally fulfilled the high expectations that have always. been held for him.

The first Oscar nomination this season is Epsom's Coro-nation Cup and he will compete with the very best throughout the year. "You don't expect to see Eric Cantona playing in the Third Division so we'll be there in all the hig races," the train-

er said yesterday.
I'm Supposin actually met his more celebrated stablemate in the Irish St Leger in September and was far from humiliated. "If you take Oscar Schindler out of the Leger he was beaten only four lengths by Key Change, who had won a Yorkshire Oaks, a Group One," Prendergast said. "You can't get any better than that in terms of a Champion Hurdle horse.

"Some of the horses he'll be Rowe. It will be an unusual jour -- running against will be just old bumper borses and I think the last time that anything ran in a Champion Hurdle with the sort of Flat rating [115] he's got it was Alderbrook. This is not just an ordinary horse you

4.00 Artic Wings (nb)

4.30 Bold Boss

GOING: Soft.:

Left-fland over dispute; Run-in of 200yds slightly uphfil.

Column is NE of them on B1224 near junction of ASS and A1. ADMISSION: Cash £12 (accommandation dec-16s five); Tattersalls £8; Course \$2 [OAPs £1) (cars, healnding up

2.00 HOGARTH NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m

FORM ELIDE MONBCA'S CHOICE, all the better for a handlesp run at Ayr a formight ago, is femiled to handle the soft

added 2m Penalty Value £2,460 ...

- 2.5 moderns - 4.6 Multimars weight: Adjar Set 12th. Multimars Set 5th. SETTIME: 7-2 Dayano, 4-1 Hem Wiggs, 6-4, Bend Sable, 7-1 Our Robert, Take, 20-1 Merry Men

Lordan Wyer has a good ride in DURANO, who was bester three lengths by the useful Wher Hand

while Tolks could be funcied on her lettest showing but the mare is not for me under on ameteur. The well-handlopped Pox Sparrow will like the ground and two name will never him put him right, but conditions may prove too cepting for innecent George and Eurobeist. Our Robert won at this funch.

offices may prove too teating for immocrat George and properties of thin up, while Alder is from a year less year and has ausing a forrught ago wall have stempened thin up, while Alder is from a year less year and has ausing a forrught ago wall have stempened thin up, while Alder is from a year less year.

111-524 FAMI NEESS (28) (D) (A6106 Recing) M Hammond 6 12 0.

o. Immodest George, 14-1 effect 18: Curant Spacch 5 10 4 L Wyer 7-1 (T Easterby) 12 ran.

enalty Value £2,670

5.00 Danbys Gorse

I'm Supposin may not have won many times last year but he did capture a Derby, even if it was the Ulster Harp handicap version at Down Royal.

There were also notable ef-forts in defeat, including a length and a half second to Pilsudski, the subsequent runnerup in the Arc and winner of the Breeders' Cup Turf, in a Group Three event at the Curragh. Perhaps most significantly of all he ran more frequently than an Eskimo's nose to prove his durability for a winter job.

I'm Supposin's National Hunt logbook may have limited entries, but Prendergast be-lieves the five-year-old has already displayed what it takes to win at the Festival. "He's like Alderbrook because he just jumps for fun," the trainer said.
"He's only had two starts over iumps but he's already beaten the best novices here by seven

"And bow many races do they need before they learn? I tell you they're either good at it or they're not. Schooling doesn't make them that much better because they either have a natural appetite for the game or they doo't."

Prendergast regrets his horse is moving on but, like all Irishmen, understands the sale as part of the sport's economics. The owner is the all-powerful man because he pays the bills," he said. "This was done for the betterment of the owner and the betterment of the horse."

David Brennan, I'm Supposin's former owner, could be said to be awash in betterment. His little horse is reported to . is 0.08%, but he was not proshave moved on for a price ecuted for drink driving as nosome way past the first six-fig-



Sound Man: misses Queen Mother Champion Chase Photograph: Phil Smith/Sporting Life

#### Shoemaker sues hospital for \$50m

Bill Shoemaker, the world's most successful jockey with 8,883 career winners, has filed a \$50m (£31.4m) negligence suit against a hospital and eight doctors who treated him after car crash in 1991 which left

him a quadraplegic. Shoemaker, 65, claims that his injuries were ignored by the doctors in the hours after the crash, when he jost control of his vehicle which tumbled over an embankment in San Dimas. Shoemaker had a blood-alcohol level of 0.13% at the time of the crash, according to the California Highway Patrol. The legal limit to drive in California one else was hurt and because of the severity of his injuries.

Cottage 5.20 D'Naan

Centre of Course 15. CAR PARK: Centre of course 13;

1	.50	TAUNTON NH NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D (DIV I) £3,500 added 2m 3f 110yds
1		COOL CAT (FRE) J Tuck 6 11 4R Dellar
2	5032	DEFENDITHEREALM (37) R Flost 8 11 4 Pros
3	040	DOUBLE ACHIEVEMENT (95) M Poe 7 11 4
4	6300-0	FRED PUGGLES (19) C. lacketin 5 11 4 Burrous (5
5	00	
6	35	MASTER PILERIM (26) G Baiding 5 11 4A P NicCo
7		ASOCRA MINIT IESCAPADE (86) R Hodges 8 11 4
		T Descombe 6
8	10/00	SOUTHERNMAY BOY (26) Mrs S Williams 8 11 4
8	0-4	STRIKE A LIGHT (126) Miss H Knots 5 11 4
10	50-60	STRONG PALADON (74) J Galord 8 11 4 Aspect (3
11 .		WALTER'S DESTRIY (13) C Machel 5 11 4 5 McNell
12		CONNAUGHT'S PRIDE (33) P Hobbs 6 10 11 W WIREWINGO
13	64-35	JUST JASMINE (98) K Bishop 5 10 11R Green
14		ORCHIO HOUSE (16) N R Mitchel S 10 13
SET	TIME: 3-1	Defendshertefer 4.1 Street Paladia, 6.1 Marter Pitation

٤	2.20	(CLASS G) £2,375 added 2m 1f
1	. 11/564	OCTOBER BREW (26) (D) M Ppe T 12 0A P McCo
2	41F360	MANSTER'S MADAM (16) (D) (BF) J Noville 8 11 11
		A Bates (5
3	350F00	DENOMINACION (25) M Pipe 5 11 9
4	330226	MANAPA (16) (CD) R Hodges 5 11 T 7 Descombs
6	31/2322-	VA URU (563) (CD) O Lloyd 8 11 7
6	4-15P01	KILLING TIME (7) (D) O Burchel 6 11 4 (7et) D J Burch
7	OF056-0	SHANAKEE (13) 8 Liewedyn 10 10 12 Nr. J L Liewel
8		SAAR (RRE) (6) R Baker 6 10 9
8	908	RED PHANTOM (28) S Melor 5 10 9
10	6/2/00	DREMITTS DANCER (7) T McGovern 10 10 8 D Bridger

PA4POD SHOK THE YARK (13) H Olver 7 102
63-640F POCONO ROBERT (12) C Jones 7 100
43-0640 THEM TIMES (21) F Jordan 8 10 0 ......
- 18 declared —

13 PO3/03- POOH STICK (612) 6 Frost 7 10 4.

Tires 9st 12th. BETTINE: 3-1 Killing Time, 4-1 Absopa, 6-1 Denomination, 8-1 Drow Dancer, 12-1 Minster's Madam, 14-1 Va Utn, Alice's Mirror, 16-1 oth
2.50 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICE CHAS
1 22-4142 MR PLAYFORL (37) 6 Frost 7 11 3

1	22-4142	MR PLAYFULL (37) 6 Frost 7 11 3
2		STRONG TARQUIN (99) (BF) P Nicholis 7 11 3D Bridger
3		BELLS WOOD (5) A Durn 8 10 10 \$ Mch
4		BROWN ROBBER (27) Mrs R Henderson R 10 10 R Fart
5	500 P	BULLANGUERO (70) H Howe 8 10 10 & Torn
6	420-	CORALETTE (354) N Henderson 7 10 10 B Kanes
7	DO-5484	DRESS DANCE (18) NR Mitchell 7 10 10 Sophie Mitchell
8	006/33P	ENEUS (5) J Yest 7 10 10 C New
9	320-293	POXIBOT ROMEO (20) C Brooks 7 10 10
10	40-3	INDIAN DELIGHT (14) M Pice 7 10 10
11		115 CRAND (85) P Richers 8 10 10
12	OP-	REBIEL PRIEST (1976) C Egerton 7 10 10 N Williams
13	20-426F	REDGEEN LADY (11) D Gardoth 7 10 5
14		SEXER HILL Mrs 8 Williams 7 10 5 P Henley
		- 1A sinclared -

	E	3.20	£3,200 added 3m 110yds	A5S
i	1	2P3201	RARE SPREAD (7) M Pipe 7 11 11	PM
	2	31-5451	WARNER FOR PLAYERS (14) P Hobbs 6 11 11	.Doub
	3	410/FPS	CREDO BOY (14) A Battop 8 11 5	R Gry

1.50 Defendthereelm 2.20 Killing Time 2.50 Brogeen Lady 3.20 Te Amo 3.50 Vicompt De Valmont 4.20 Tristram's Image 4.50 Lobster

GOING: Chase course – Good, Good to Soft in places; Hurdle course – Good to Soft, Soft in a few places. Eligid-hand course, Run-in of 150pds. El Rancecourse is south of town on B3170. Tauxion Railway Sta-tion as two miles away. ADMISSION: Members £11; Paddock £9;

#### SIS MORE

BLINEERED FIRST TIME: Rory'm (3,20),
VISORED FIRST TIME: Mick The Yank (3,20),
VISORED FIRST TIME: Mick The Yank (3,20),
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN HATS: Killing Time (2,20) &
Rare Spread (3,20) won at Folkestone last Wednesday,
LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Drewitts Dancer (3,20) has been
sent 182 nities by T McGovern from Lewes, East Sussex, Strong Paladia (1,50) sent 141 miles by J Giffard from Findon, West Sussex.

1	.50	TAUNTON NH NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) (DIV I) £3,500 added 2m 3f 110yds
		COOL CAT (RE) J Tuck 6 11 4 R Dellary
!	5032	DEFENDTHEREALM (37) R Flost 8 11 4 Host
•	04-0	DOUBLE ACKEVEMENT (95) M Pice 7 11 4
,	6300-0	
,	00	GREMATIC (25) N Havin 6 11 4 G Upton
;	35	
•	15355	MOONE MIT ESCAPADE (85) R Hodges 8 11 4
		T Descombe (3)
	10/00	SOUTHERNMAY BOY (26) Mis \$ Williams 8 11 4
		Mr) Dowick 6
	0-4	STRIKE A LIGHT (126) Miss H Kngts 5 11 4
D		STRONG PALADON (74) J Galord 8 11 4 1 Aspell (3)
1.		WALTER'S DESTRY (13) C Machel 5 11 4 SteNett
2	5-00	CONNAUGHT'S PRIDE (33) P Hobbs 6 10 11
3	64-35	JUST JASHIME (98) K Bishop 5 10 11R Greene
4	U	ORCHO HOUSE (16) N R Nitchel S 10 13
ETI 4 S	NG; 3-1	Defendthersalm, 4-1 Strong Paladin, 6-1 Mester Piigtins,

2	2.20	PITMINSTER SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,375 added 2m 1f
	. 11/564	OCTOBER BREW (26) (D) M Poe T 12 0 A P McCoy E MINSTER'S MADAM (16) (D) (BF) J Novilo 8 11 11
ı	350F00	A Bates (5) 1 DENOMINATION (28) M Ppe 5 11 9
	31/2322	NLMAPA (16) (CD) R Hodges 5 11 T 7 Degeousle (3) VA URU (563) (CD) O Loyd 8 11 7 Prior (7)
	OF056-0	KILING TIME (7) (D) O Burchel 6 11 4 (7eq)
0	908	SAAFI (RE) (6) R Baler 6 10 9
1 2	3P-25P8	ALICES MERROR (13) (D) K Bishop 8 10 7

2	2.50	BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICE CHAS (QUALIFIER) (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3
1	22-4142	MR PLAYFULL (ST) 6 Frost 7 11 3 Frost 7 11 3 Frost 7 11 3 Frost 7 11 3 Bridgest
2	0/146	STRONG TARQUIN (98) (BF) P Nicholis 7 11 3D Bridgers
3	PP75	BELLS WOOD (5) A Durn 8 10 10 S McN
4		BROWN ROBBER (27) Mrs R Henderson R 10 10 R Parts
5	500 P	BULLANGUERO (70) H Howe 8 10 10 & Torre
6		CORALETTE (354) N Henderson 7 10 10 & Kanada
7		DRESS DANCE (18) NR Mitchell 7 10 10 Sopula Mitchell
8		ENEUS (5) J Work 7 10 10 C Minor
8	320-299	POXIBOT ROMEO (20) C Brooks 7 10 10
10		PADRAN DELIGHT (14) M Pipe 7 10 10
11	544005	115 CRAND (86) P Richers 8 10 10
12		REBEL PRIEST (1976) C Egeston 7 10 10 N Williams
13		BROGEEN LADY (11) D Gardoth 7 10 5A P Micc
14		SEVER HELL Mrs 8 Williams 7 10 5P Henley
		- 14 sinclared -

## 3.10 TAURUS CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS C) £7,325 added 7f

... Mr D McPhell (7

#### 1 53011-2 CEM BON BOM (149 (CO) (EIF) AS BOX 5 R 4. 2 13/4043- DEFINED FEATURE (145) Dr J Starpi 48 13. 3 2502-10 POOT BATCALSON (3S) (CO) (BIF) R Hollanshead 3 8 1 Flynob (8) 2

- 3 deciared -seture, 11-10 Cim Boss Boss, 8-1 Foot Bat-

3.40 LEO HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,325 added

## 031-313 SOUTH EASTERN FRED (21) (CD) H Collegation 8 1D D

421510 THREE ARCH BRIDGE (S) (D) M Johnston 5 88

BETTHE: 3-1 New Contary, 7-2 South Eastern Fred, 5-1 Peter Hoster Secret Aly, 7-1 Second Colours, 8-1 Hill Farm Dencer, 10-1 others

# 4.10 AQUARTUS SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS G) £3,000 added 3YO 5F

HETTHE: 7-4 Exchanging, 7-2 Ma VipS Pringue, 5-1 Will To Win, 6-1 Chilling, 7-1 Service's Mephan, 10-1 College Princese, 12-1 Whisper Low

4.40 GEMINI FILLIES HANDICAP (CLASS E)

### 3312-60 TART (FR) (28) I Peace 4 10 D.,

5314-20 SCENICRE (37) R Holinshed 4 6 2 ... - B doclared -

## Maguire kicked out of Festival

third Cheltenham Festival in a Richard Dunwoody's particirow after breaking his right arm at Leicester yesterday. Maguire was kicked on the ground after taking a fall from Foxwoods Valley in the novices' chase. The three-day Festival begins a week on Tuesday.

Maguire's wife, Sabrina, confirmed the extent of his injuries: "He has hroken his humerus, the bone between his shoulder and elbow. It is a clean break, but he is in a lot of pain." Maguire was ruled out of last

year's Festival after breaking his collar-bone in a fall, while 12 months previously the death of his mother, Phyllis, forced the jockey to miss the meeting. On Saturday Maguire

recorded a five-timer at Kempton which included successes on the Cheltenham-bound quartet of Sanmartino, Viking Flag-ship, L'Opera and Pharanear for David Nicholson, who retains him as stable jockey.

20 LITTLE JACE (13) N Cascot 7 11 5 D Leaby
000 LOOK IN THE MIRROR (9) M Instan-Dases 6 11 5 C Usembye
3 MOUREAUN PAIN (132) N Herdesor 7 11 5 D R Kannangh
FD MR LUTVELY (24) N-New 6 11 5 T. 7 Descendes (2)
PP RORYM (26) L Wong 8 11 5 D M delithis (7) 6
D SPRET OF SUCCESS (73) N Lumpus 7 11 5 D Deshifted
0-220 TONIGLESOOT TRUE (20) R Aves 6 11 5 D James Busine
B TE AMO (76) M PQO 5 11 5 James Busine

8 TE MIND (7K) M PDD 5 11 5
050 ABBILYTORIAN (23) MS 1 Maximus 5 11 0
05(CPD AUGUS SHORESLANK (28) 5 AUGUS 11 0
MINDS GEG-ELL N Thomson 5 11 0

1 2.152- NEARLY SPLENDID (315) (C) 5 Stevens 17 11 1 ...

3.50 MITFORD SLADE HUNTER CHASE (CLASS H) £5,000 added 4m 2f 110yds

D 540(3 MISSTY BRIDGE (16) Mrs S Johnson 10 13 1 Mr R Barton (7) 62360-1 VICOMPT DE VALMONT (14) P Nicholis 12 13 1 Mr J Tazard (7) 11P/3 APREMELLY (364) (20) Mrs T When 12 12 5 Mr I Downlok (7)

9 OQ LAZZARETTO (1,485) I, Sounders 8 11 12... Mr I Johnson (7) 10 Q-1-P MAJON MAC (1/4) O Witerm: 10 11 12 ... Mr 5 Dursels (7) 11 PQ3-42-P. MISSTY (NZ) (275) Mes C Gordon 10 11 12 ... Mr 5 Dursels (7)

4.20 TAUNTON NH NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D)
(DIV II) £3,500 added 2m 3f 110yds

O-DP AQUA ANNERS (88) J M Bradley 5 11 4 R Formant, OO-GSP BOOZIS BREAM (68) N Thorston 8 11 4 S Burrough 103-0 COLONEL BLAZER (68) Mee K Kright 5 11 4 J Culledy P GRIVEY (13) G McCourt 7 11 4 D Bridgester O MOREARDIC (35) P Hobbs 5 11 4 S Tournetk (7) S ROCK ARDIC (35) P Hobbs 5 11 4 S Tournetk (7) S ROCK ARDIC (35) P Hobbs 5 11 4 Mers 6 11 A Mers 6 Durant (7) S ROCK ARDIC (14) M Pipe 6 11 4 Mers 10 Mers 10 P P CAMBLIAS LEGACY (20) H Obe 6 10 11 D Gettagher (14) C LEGEROM MARCH (52) P 8 KARROND 5 10 11 D Gettagher (15)

REFINIC: 5-2 Star Mystery, 3-1 Tristram's longs, 5-1 Storm Run, Atavis tic, 8-1 Colonel Plazar, 14-1 Roll Again, 18-1 others

4.50 SANNACOTT NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2m 110yds

U1-F333 LOBSTER COTTAGE (22) (D) K Balley R 12 D........ 5 McNell 15:723 MORNIC VALLEY (25) M Ppp 6 11 13. A P McCoy 11-722 AFIER THE FOX (6) N Howes 10 11 11. G Uptou 65-5134 OLIUMER DOCKETT (15) (C) C Poptous 8 11 R. STORM 6-331LP MORTHERN SWEET (15) (D) (87) R Houge 7 11 8 American

- 1A declared -BETTRN: 7-2 Nordic Valley, 4-1 Lobeter Cottage, 6-1 Referent, 7-1 Roves tar, 8-1 Officer Duckett, 19-1 Northern Singer, Dennicus, 13-1 others

5.20 BLACKDOWN HILLS HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,600 added 2m 1f

1 36-0311 ADDED DIMENSION (16) (D) P Winkworth 6 11 11

Ladbrokes have cut the price of last year's wioner. Klaimo Davis, from 9-4 to 15-8.

at Ascot on his latest start.

QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE: Lad-brakes: 15-8 (Lato Davis (Note 9-4), 5-2 Vang Ragship 11-31, 4-1 Strang Promise, 5-1 Ask Tom, 14-1 Arche Rusman (16-1), 16-1 others.

pation at the Festival was also

threatened by a fall in which he

broke his sternum. He is, how-

ever, optimistic that he will be

Sound Man, who will miss the Queen Mother Champion

Chase in which he was a beat-

en favourite last year. Edward

O'Grady, his trainer, said yes-

terday: "Sound Man was jame

on his near-hind after exercise

on Sunday morning." Sound Man, who had been

quoted at 6-1 for the Chel-

tenham race by Ladhrokes,

was a modest third behind

Strong Promise and One Man

Also out of the Festival is

fit for the meeting.

#### RESULTS CATTERICK

1.50: 1. CUMBRIAN MAESTRO IL W 1.50: 1. CUMBERIAN MARSTER IL Wett 6-1: 2. Geopal Song II -4 fox: 3. Five On 10: 4-1. 34 ran. 8, 7. II Easterby Tobe: £8.30; £1.90. £1.30. £2.80. DF £14 CO CSF: £22.44. Ino: £7.50. 2.20: 1. FREST IN THE FIELD 55 Howerth 25: 12. Euroback Lady 6. 1: 3. Decemt Precipy 33-1. £5 ran. 5-1 fm. Best of Ak £601. 2, 2 IN Masson. Tobe: £52 OO; £8.90. £2.30. £4.30. DF: £148.70. CSF: £163.08 Treast: £4.578.60. Tex: Nor won (pool of £138.11 carried forward to Tautrom 4.50 today! 2. Roberty Lan overs far; 3. Kithelly Boy 8-1 7 mm. 5, 13. 1G Moore). Yotac £9.60. £3.90. £1.40. DF; £4.00. CSF; £14.19.

3.20: 1. SEVER MINX IP Nacot 9-2; 2. Chumany's Saga 7-1; 3. Arthur Bee 9-1. 13 ram. 7-2 fav Nærchem. J., 10. Mrs M Revemm. 7-2 fav Nerchem. 3, 10, Mrs M Reve-teyl. Toba: £3.70; £2.10, £3.70, £4.10. DF, £21.90, CSF: £35.89, Tocast: £265.75, 7nc

3.50: 1. PRIGNATION IP Curberlyl 11-4 fav; 2. Ruber 6-1: 3. Cypress Avenue 20-1. 13 mm. 11. 17. U Howard Johnson! Total £3.50; £1.90, £3.10, £4.10. DF: £13.80. RICHARD EDMONDSON

**NAP: Our Robert** (Wetherby 2.30) NB: Claireswan (Wetherby 5.00) CSF: £19.24, Togast, £275.44, Tag: £67.60.

4.20: L WEAVER GEORGE UI Moloney.
15-8 fay; 2. Mose Pageant 100-1; 3. Newball Prince 5-1. 6 man, 7. 6. W Storey.
Tobac £3.20: £2.50, £17.60. DF; £29.30. CSF: £48.58.
4.50: L. SPRRT OF STEEL IR McCarthy.
7-1; 2. First Light 11-4; 3. Jennie's Prospect 11-2. 12 mm. 5-2 fav Thunderporn (50). 4. 16. (1 Tatel. Tobac £4.30: £3.40, £1.50, £2.50. DF; £29.00. CSF: £25.90. NR: Buster Ivo. Ino: £126, 70.
Juckpot: Not won (2001 of £22.56.56 €27-ned forward to Taunton tod/s).
Placepot: £91.80. Quadpet: £14.30.
Place 6: £241.83. Place © £158.94.

LEICESTER

## 2.10: 1. RED BRANCH (FCHON) 4-1; 2. Scoreshoot 3-1 fox; 3. Hengover 9-1, 13 res. Sh hd, 11. U long. Total £4.80; £1.60. £2.30. DF £10.40, CSF; £15.26. Total £4.45. Text. £94.45. Text. £64.60.

2.40: 1. FARNEY GLEN IA Magaint 3-1; 2.40: 1. FARNEY GLEN IA Magaint 3-1; 2. Respons Rock 9-1; 3. Simpson 5-4 fav. 8 ms. 5, 15. U J O'Nell, Penrith, Tota: £4.20; £1.10, £3.10, £1.10, DF: £17.60 CSF: £28.40. Yicast: £46.28, 3.10: 1. LANCE ARMSTRONG (D Fort) 11.8 far 2, bright Penga 3-1; 3. Delings 16. 3.10: 1. LANCE ARMSTRONG (D Fort)
1.8 faz, 2. Julekt Jones 3-1; 3. Dollmos 16-1.7 ran. 8, cist. Its McCourt). 7 obs: £2.40:
£2.10, £2.60. DP: £5.70. CSF: £6.06.
3.40: 1. JAMSTER TOBY ££100@ptg-16-1:
2. Lively Ksight 11-4 /t fav: 3. Who is Equipmen 11-4 /t fav: 3. Who is Equipmen 11-4 /t fav: 13 ren. 1, 13. IN Weston-Davies). Johe: £8.10; £1.60, £1.80.
£1.20. DP: £14.1D. CSF: £27.83. 7no: £13.60

4.10: 1. WILD WEST WIND (J CARDy) 11-8: 2. Mangeorge 4 6 fay; 2. Geomma's Wager 25-1. 6 mm. vs. dist. (Miss H Knight). Total 22.50; £1.10, £1.40. DF: £1.50. CSF;

£2.53.
4.40: 1. SCOTTISH BAMER (J Octome) 5-1:
2. Chill What 100-30 it far; 3. Thata The
Ufe 100-30 it far, 3 man. 4, 3, 0° Weebver;
Banbury, Fotar £6.20; £1.80, £1.10, £1.50.
OF: £15.80. CSF; £21.78. Treast: £59.03.
Place 5: £9.50. Quadoot £2.50.
Place 6: £4.05. Place 6: £2.40.

#### LINGFIELD 2.00: 1. AMADOUR (A McCarthy) 7-2: 2.

Sociama 6-5 fax; 3. Squire's Occasion 11-4. 5 ran. 14., 4. (P Mitchell). Total: £5.80; £5.80, £1.00, DF: £6.00, CSF: £7.41, 2.30; 1, GREATEST (D Hotand) 5-4 tax: 2. Lift Boy 11-4: 3. La Modiste 3-1. 5 ran. 2. 3. (Mass Gay Relievery), Tota: £1.70; £1.40, £1.10. DF: £2.80. CSF: £4.68. 2.3. (Mass Gay Persency), Toker £1. 70; £1.44, £1.10. Pr. £2.80. CSF; £4.88.
3.00; 1. EFFECTUAL 10 Holland) 4.6 fev; 2. Steller Line 13.8; 2. Sounds Leggs 10.1. 5 san. 9, 15. (Mass Gay Pelanes); Poter £2.00; £1.10. £1.40. DF; £1.40. CSF; £1.99.
3.30; 1. TOP SFIELF ØI Holland 100-30; 2. Hever Golf Charger 11-8; 2. Presider 6-5 fax. 3 rans. Nt. 17. IC Britain), Toker £3.90. DF; £6.10. CSF; £7.32.
4.00; 1. HEVER GOLF EAGLE IS Sanders: 12.12, £2. Exhild 4-1; 3. Cleague 14-1, 10 rans. 2-1 fax Czerra. 1-4, 4, (T Naughton). Toker £12.70; £5.80. £1.20, £2.20. DF; £2.260. CSF; £34.40. 7no: £45.40.
4.30; 1. FORROTTEN TIMES (N Cortist) 2-1 fax; 2. Mystary Matthias 5-1; 3. Tachycardia 5-1, 6 ran. 14, 27-4, (I Jones). Toker £2.30; £1.20, £2.40. DF; £4.30. CSF; £9.40.

5.00: 1. CAPTAIN'S DAY IR MINISTER 10-1: 2. Bakers Daughter 5-1; 2. Homestly 10-1, 10 ran. 4-1 R lav Shera: |4th, 6, 2, |H Collegrige|, Tota: £8.50; £3.90, £2.00, £2.70, DF: £52.30, CSF: £58.78, Tno.

#### Placepot: £81.40. Quadpot: £18.20. Place 6: £59.02. Place 5: £43.03. Lorcan Wyer had his first win-

ner yesterday since shottering his face three months ago. The jockey - who spent eight and a half hours on the operating table in a Liverpool hospital having his face rebuilt after a fall from Thornton. Gate - drove home Cumbrian Maestro to win by eight lengths at Catterick. Dean McKeown was fined £200

by the stewards for not riding to his draw on Premier, last of three in the Livingstone Handicap at Lingfield yesterday, to was the jockey's third such offence in 12 months.



# Mullally's finest \* Cricket

Alan Mailally had a day in te-Many statements from a data in pa-teriority of the New York and in the Control and from the first in the Lycke with feature or breaking to change of the collect of breaking where I retain the te preparing to play New Frederick in looking the street with the many the to control in the state of a control of the control 43 mante sample.

the first continue the mp. And air a complete differ build the tree that lest with a fifth The notations of the sound and Andrew of the a Translad Invitation Vini Saveto sound arresting the local side by 182 and in the 10th mer of Trage valier, poullen Sie Bakeses constituell Andrew Bedelwik

ATA - facility of facility with an bounding with

Prince Late here have begrief and March & Post people watch to and the tree acres in the Am prosent the entropy of miles report that a ties in building and it for the soil Bandan de la Comercia de la Composition de Composit gitted built which the real Bangles and a good. Moreover Hange of

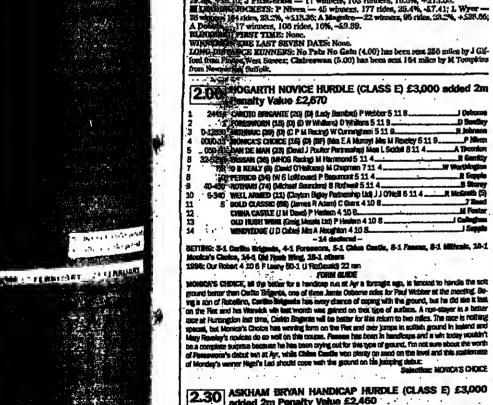




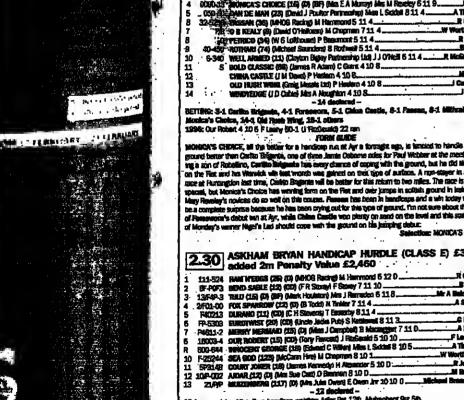












PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY OF TH

Lordan Wyer has a good ride in DURAND, who was besten three lengths by the useful White Hand-here and warr on to been 22 others in a notice on the course is week later. Penalised when a cred-sible that to Margio and Nigel's Lad (seep where since) at Newceste 11 days ago, Durano looks ready for this tilt into hardistip company. Merry Stermald is a cest much lover and is in with every charge when her recent second to Star Selection at Nyr. Send Sabble looks bestable at the weights, white This

3.00 SICKLINGHALL NOVICES CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3m 1f Penalty Value £3,574 

BETTING: 4-5 Crown Equatry, 3-1 Want's Your Story, 6-1 Crosic is King, Black Brook, 12-1 Dee Light, 18-1 Dorin Castle, 50-1 Champobe Lactly. 1998: Reputes Buy 7 11, 10 A Dobber 4-7 (& Richards) 4 per

FORM GIDE.

A begoy notice with WHAT'S YOURS STORY no carainty to not in a trouble-free round. But this burger and hardess where will lose the ground and gets the weight after a conflictnos booster behind German Pongo in a handcap at Univider. Ontens Espany glass best for Paul Cerbany - hance the reversal in form with Santa Cornecto at Carlade after Ayr. He could be a progresses stor. Credo is Vitag less a change despite a progresse stor. Credo is Vitag less a change despite floggistering twice in decount stores at Countries since his debut was from Weigh Window at Toursesses. Stack back has looked a for store, but he will come into his own if the ground sante really seating.

Selections: WHAT'S YOUR STORY

#### HOECHST ROUSSEL PANACUR EBF MARES NOVICES HUR-Penalty Value £2,985

3604	FANTASY LINE (26) (Mrs P Statley) P Webber 6 10 7	Oabore
	LIPPY LOUISE (22) (D G Williamson) Mrs M Reveloy 5 10 7.	
	PENK A BOO (Mrs H M Whitens) D Whitens 6 10 7	D Bentle
00-0P	PHARRAMBLING (BIL) (I F Member) Min M Reveloy 8 10 7.	G Let (3
	RAISE A DOLLAR (709) NAS DW HID P BEAUTIONS 10 T.	
	SANTA BARBARA (76) (John J'Thompson) C Grant 8-10 7	R Contit
	- 9 doctored -	
ING: 11-	Spritzer, 7-2 Datey Days, 5-1 Charry Dec. 6-1 Uppy Los	Ase, 8-1 Fantacy Line, Rafe
dar, 10-1	Peak A Boo, 12-1 others.	
R: Miss O	planist 6 10 11 6 Johnson 10-11 (D Nicholady) 16 ran	

SPRISZER, outposed by Meg's Memory over the Internum at Casenck lest time, had earlier troked a fair sort over this longer trip on the same course when beating Take Cover by 11 lengths. Spriszer looks the answer today with Dalay Days penalised for her Carilale wat and staying over fundes witer

**************************************	SPREZER, outpaced by Meg's Memory over the minimum at Capenck last time, had certifer today a few sort over this longer top on the same course when beaung Take Cover by 11 lengths. Spread looks the answer index with Delay Deep permitted for her Cartisle was not disaped over hundred missing a chase engagement because of bad weather, in fact, Lippy Louise looks the type of tak developer to review that Cartisle form with Deep Days on 770 better forms. Lopy Louise and all he best work in the closing stages and looks bester than Farissey Line, who was well besten in a Ling field hendicap last time.
SLIGOSCHEEL PRINT TIME: None. WINDERSCHEEL LAST SEVEN DATS: None. LONG-DUSSCHEELTINDERS: No Pain No Geim (4.00) has been sent 256 miles by J Gif-	4.00 EAST KESWICK HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £6,300 added 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £4,403
ford from Philips West Sosses; Chrireswan (5.00) has been sent 164 miles by M Tompkins from Newsparing Suffolk.	1 1BS0LP MASTER BOSTON (120) (CD) (M.K.Oldhen) 6 Woodhuse 8 11 10

1	1B50U-P	MASTER BOSTON (120) (CD) (M X Oktram) 6 Woodhassa 8 11 10P Carbeny		
2	021.452	NO PAIK NO GAIN (13) (The Marvollous Partnership) J Gillord R 11 0		
3	FF43-064	BENCHY HEAD (16) (CD) (M Tation) J J O'Neil 9 10 9		
4	2-23321	ALIADEER #0 (D) (Mes V Foster) M W Enderby 8 10 8 (Sec)		
5	2421-P1	ARTIC WINGS (22) (Lady Anne Bertincky O Biennen 9 10 0		
6		SAROR JIM (18) (D) (RA H Perions) P Dalton 10 10 D		
		- 6 declared -		
Minimum weight: 10st. True handkap weights: Artic Wings 9st 13lb, Sallor Jim 9st 12lb				
BETTERS: 9-4 Aljadeoc, 3-1 Actic Wings, 4-1 No Pain No Goin, 9-2 Searchy Head, 5-1 Sallor Jun, 14-				

It is invested possesses in the Second mark despite the Sib painting for his very smooth with from Russic Air and Natiliards State on a deceme mark despite the Sib painting for his very smooth with from Russic Air and Natiliards State of Market Respon last week. He was 7th better off with Netherby Said for the earlier so-length besting on the same course, but I would just be a Rute concerned about this softer ground. There are some well-handleppop alminest in opposition, notably Measer Boston and Beachy Head, but my suggestion is NO PARN NO RAIN, sho will love the ground and all the strapper for his nun against Too Phash on a faster surface at Sandown as formight ago. No Pals No Galla was a useful type of much lowing nowice last season with these wars and that Sandown on will have put him spot on. Artio Wingle is in a stronger race after delying 12bst at Falvenham, but site is fresh and must be a trugh make to have won on other at Towassber, Master Boston Rise this course and, though the task tooks still rater the layoff, he is well-weighted on his bost form and could run swelctly for Paul task tooks still rater the layoff, he is well-weighted on his bost form and could run swelctly for Paul to the bast beauth to Whalpering Steel of Ayr and sneets Measur Boston on 30th better trams since their running on the course list season when Beachy Head has been and the state the sand has some beating on his day over this trip, though his jumping can sometimes let him down.

Selection: NO PAIN NO GAIN 1996: Eastly John 6 10 8 P Niven 2-1 (S E Kestlewell) 6 ran

8	4	4.30	HELMSLEY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (CLA added 2m Penalty Value £4,305	SS C) £8,30
í	1		BOLD BOSS (11) (D) (John Robson) 8 Moore 8 11 10	B Stor
h	2	412321	MANBLE MAIN (22) (D) (D) Laver) M Hammand 7 10 7	R Cord
	3	04-1P1FF	MONNAIE PORCE (12) (SF) (James R Adam) J Adam 7 10 5	
•	4	ADH-0144	CROSSHOT (11) (D) (R McDoneld) R McDoneld 10 10 U	R Johan
Ē			- 4 declared -	

Minimum terigit: 10st. True handkap weighes Crosshot Ser 11st. NETTING: 10-11 floid Boss, 3-1 Montle Nov., 7-2 Montale Forts, 6-1 Creasbot. 1996: Cumbrian Challenge 7 12 D I. Wyer 11-4 (7 O Easterby) 5 ran

POSIA CRIDE.

This is a sticky little eace with Bold Boars attempting to give usury 17th to the progressive MARSELE MAN and 19th to Bleamaile Facts, Back, with Georgia Moore after a spell with Marten Figs. Bold Boss won a couple of armal novices before underly into the cleany Chief Marisers at Newcastle 11 days ago. There was no diagrace in the deleast at the weights and Bold Bose has a better chance today even with the weight, Marise heart Regard Romper who did not filler the ground at Cardens. He made heavy executor of c, but as he was 7th both of the hendlosp he race off the amore sating today, Marcia Man had earlier spin subsequent various, Methanty Said and Algeder at Marise Regen so he could just be in this handlosp on a decord mark. Mornagie Forter late Seen on the Sizor back earlier spin subsequent winness Methanty still in with a chance in Marise Regen so he could just be in this handlosp on a decord mark. Mornagie Forter late Seen on the Sizor back earlier spin subsequent when still in with a chance in Marise Regen so he could just be in the handlosp on the service and has cow 2th bestire off, Again in Souch when a faller at Mericastic 12 days ago, Mornale Forter could just be handlospood by this soften ground. Crosshot is only 3th out of the handlosp and gas a sizeable weight pull with Bold Bose after he notate at the second sorter.

5.00 MICKLETHWAITE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,650 added 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £2,793

10-1140 JOCKS CROSS (25) (Mis Sill Hernicot) G Richards 5 11 10 ...
(FCO-35 SUMMERHALL SPECIAL (6) (8F) (Mis Raong Syndrote) D Barker 8 11 9...
11-1862 ALL ON (4) (5) IN Perhantory J Hernicotor 8 11 5...
2331-10 VARDOT (11) (9) (86s L S Middleton) H Alexander 8 10 12 ...
4F4-154 CLARCENWAN (90) (Claus and Buryl) M Potoclein 5 10 7 ... SETING: 7-2 Boston May, 4-1 Danbys Gorse, 9-2 Date of Porth, 5-1 All Cs., 7-1 Claire.

Maleson's barry-form scale is represented by DRIENTS GOINGE, who makes plority of appeal of 10st. The longer up is gaing to help the girding, who had his Townester form boostes when No Morn Hause, who longer a shade formarise to bear him, won a decent little handicap at Haydoch test Steundry. The ground was faster at Newcasia met trate when Darding Sceau was beginn by Samarid; but the enhanced was faster at Newcasia met trate when Darding Sceau was beginn by Samarid; but the enhanced was been on the right sort of tran to bear Boostes Man at lovel weights. Boosten Man tooks a strong twowers with his penalty putting him smack on 10st. Paul Carbony let Boosen Man non bearly at Market Raisen lies week and the contribution hept up the gaillon to bear Hancock with the rest well seen off. That was fairly continued the promise of his heatent that to Papenthing and Samitosian well is underspect dields. Jorda Cross-has been rolled over beta sizes he has early were tree collected and 11st 10th boos a shipper in this ground, Childrennan does not look good emough after a poor run at Plamptan. POON STIDE

Cross, 10-1 others. 1990: Trump 7 11 D D Pader 24-1 (C Parker) 10 cm

\_\_R COMITO

I lessica Harrington will not discover until later this week whether Leopardstown will rearrange its running order on Sunday to suit her Champion Hurdle hope, Space Bucker. The trainer has asked the course to bring the Barnockstown Handicap Hurdle forward from its scheduled 4pm off-time, so that her six-year-old will not have to race on ground charmed up in previous races. The manager of Leopardstown, Tom Burke, said yesterday. "There is another scratching stage on Thursday and we won't decide before then." If he runs on Sunday, Space Trucker will be having his first outing since the Fighting Pifth' Hurdle at Newcastle in November.

WOLVERHAMPTON 2.10 Daring Flight 2.40 Jigsaw Boy 3.10 Clm Bom Bom 3.40 Secret Aly 4.10 Enchantina

GOING: Standard. DRAW ADVANTAGE: Middle to high best for 5f to 7L. STALLS: 77 & 1 m6f — instie: remanuer — ousser.

III Pibressoni, left-hand, oval course.

III Starceouse is north of town on A449. Wolverhampton rail station Im. ADMISSION: Club £15; Public enclosure £6 (£4 for OAP members of course's Diamond Club — £2.50 life membership). CAB

BLINERERD FIRST THER: Him Charle (2.40).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE EURNERS: Zecurou (4.40) has been sen. 177
miles by J Finch-Heyes from Lewes, East Susery, Barlequin Walk.
14.40) has been sen. 156 miles by 8 O'Sullivan from Whitecombe, Pomer. 2.10 CAPRICORN MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,900 added 3YO 1m 100yds

04-25 JOLLY JACKSON (22) 6 Method 90\_ 4 ONLY JOSH (139) Me J Rameden R D..... D-O BON'S ROUND (7) K Curningten-Brown 2-3 VENTURE CONNECT (14) C Brooks R O... 2 ISIS HONDA (R) (BF) C Brooks R 9.... D...... Nooring to Storn R O.....C Minday ( BETTING: 9-4 During Flight, 5-1 July Jeckson, Venture Connect, 6-systell, Into Florida, 8-1 Allied Academy, 18-1 Only Josh, 20-1 oth

2.40 ARIES CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,300 added 7f 330250 DRAGONICY (89) (C) (D) N Unavaden 492 D GAMINE (S) 1 V 011131 SENSE OF PROPRITY (S) (C) (D) 0 Michalls 8 8 11 ...... 

\_\_\_C Mages (7) 2 8 \_\_\_\_N Codels 2 0/000- SCOTT'S RISK (247) L Barret 7 8 5... 

# France do have a structure but it blossoms when they are given room to unleash their instinctive running skills

Half-way through the Five but also young in time together. how they play, but it really hlos-Nations' Championship and Just as any sportsman or team things are going swimmingly for must weigh up the opposition, England. We have two emphatic wins under our belt and, more especially, we are settling on a style of play which hrings out the best in the whole side. All the frustrations from the games before Christmas have been dispelled, replaced by a treated with even more circumnew-found confidence.

Much has been made of our mability to turn on this "style" until late on in the ame. One need look no turther than the age of this team to see why. This team is not just young in age,

even soften them up, before delivering the killer blows, so it is with this team. At the moment that period of sizing up takes that much longer.

Saturday will be no different, indeed the game will need to be spection. Scotland and Ireland presented a host of problems to overcome but France will be that much harder. All the planning in the world can never prepare you for the French at their best. Yes, they have some structure to

soms when they are given their head, and the room, to unleash their natural, instinctive run-

This has been apparent in passages of play against Ireland and Wales. A clearer example, however, is the much-vaunted performance of Brive against Leicester in the European Club final last month. The foundations were laid by the pack, but the icing was well and truly added by their backs. Incisive running, cutting angles on to the hall with pace to hurn, a joy to watch if not to play against.



ONY UNDERWOOD

When deprived of the ball, or space, however, the French can blow up. In the semi-final.

Leicester did this to Toulouse and you could quite clearly see all heart and drive go out of the Toulouse players as they became increasingly frestrated. England's approach in the last decade, therefore, has been to minimise any opportunities for the French to play their nat-

anathema and the general pace of the game must be slowed down so they cannot enforce their own tempo or movement.
This stranglehold extended even to the French psyche, to such an extent that during England's seven years of

ural game. Loose kicks are

1995 the French had more or fortnight at least. less lost the game before they even took to the park. Then came the World Cup thirdplace play off in 1995, and best year, France finally beat England on European soil. After those two victories

they will be all the more dangerous, no longer constrained by any mental hang-ups and eager to replicate Brive's impressive win.

This will only add to the expectation at Twickenham on Saturday. An unbeaten record has to go and one team's

dominance between 1988 and rebuilding will be stalled, for a Our supporters have been

fed a glut of tries of late which they had begun to worry wouldn't arrive. They will hope for no less on Saturday and even more so against the French to prove that this English renaissance is no faise

France are a world force and masters of the running game and would be a huge scalp for this young side, especially if victory was achieved with the style of rugby we have shown so

### Rusedski suffers from his inactivity

Greg Rusedski, the British No 2 who has reached the finals of the last two tournaments he has played, was brought back to the game's realities when he was beaten by Sweden's Thomas Johansson in the first round of the Advanta Championships in Philadelphia vesterday.

Rusedski, ranked No 35 in the world, came into the match having finished as runner-up to Goran Ivanisevic in Zagreh and Pere Sampras in San Jose. However, because of the wrist injury that forced him to retire during the final against Sam-pras, he had not played for a

The left-handed Rusedski. who was unable to take advantage of five service break point opportunities, was unable to hold his normally potent serve on a slow indoor carpet court.

Johansson, ranked No 65 in the world, was able to convert three rif 11 service break charges Rusedski offered - in the ninth game of the first set. and the first and fifth games of the second set.

"This surface is pretty slow which is why I can return his serve here," said Johansson, a baseline specialist. "If Greg is serving well, I'd have no chance to break his serve."

Rusedski was one of four seeded players in action to luse, with only the third-seeded Paul Haarhuis of the Netherlands surviving the first day. Haarhuis. ranked Nu 25, defeated Jiri Novak of Czech Republic 6-4.

Jason Stoltenberg, the seventh seed from Australia, playing in only his second event since having surgery on his right forearm in early January, suffered a 6-2, 6-4 less to a qualifier. Speng Schalken of the Netherlands.

In Italy, Goran Ivanisevic. seemingly recovered from tendinitis in the shoulder which forced him out of the ATP tournament in Antwerp last week, began the defence of his Milan indoor title with a 7-6. 6-7, 6-2 victory against the Russian qualifier Andrei Olhovskiy.

The Croat took more risks and more time than expected to overcome his 30-year-old opponent. But Ivanisevic served rus usual t

Following a dubious line call and a double-fault in the third game of the second set, which cost him a break, the left-hander became erratic and lost the tie-break 7-2 after a streak of unforced errors, in the third set Ivanisevic broke twice to win the match in an hour and 42 minutes.

**European Cup** to change

format for '97

The pool stages of the European Cup will be played on a

home and away basis next sea-

son - rather than one-off games

from each country remaining

- with the number of teams

# Academy shortlist reduced to three

Three contenders emerged vesterday as potential hosts of the proposed British Academy of Sport after a shortlist of 13 was reduced to hids from Sheffield. Upper Heyford and a Central Consortium based on Lough-

borough and Nottingham. A final decision is expected by April, but Labour's shadow minister for sport, Tom Pendry, immediately undermined the whole process by saying that, in the event of winning the election, his party could not guarantee to back any selection made.

Pendry accused the minister with responsibility for sport, lain Sproat, of having ridden roughstood over all sensible opinion," adding: "As Labour has not been involved in the important decisions regarding the Academy, we cannot commit ourselves to supporting a chosen bid. Instead we will instigate a thorough review of all proceedings

and decisions involved." In naming what is effectively the short shortlist for the Academy - the original choice of 26 was whittled down by half before Christmas - Sproat said the three "impressive" hids left have been chosen after detailed discussion between the United Kingdom Sports Coun-

cil and the Government. With remarkable synchronisation, all three hids said they were "absolutely delighted" to have seen off their 10 immediate rivals - Bath, Birmingham, Kent Thameside, Manchester, Merseyside, The Athletes Bid. (Herts), De Montfort University (Leics), Houghton Grange (Huntingdon), Sport City Foundation (Kettering) and UK cans being Americans, they

Academy 2000 (East Yorks). Of the three final contenders,

Mike Rowbottom

reports on the front-runners in race for funding

ing facilities already in place, while the Upper Heyford hid. centred on the 140 acre site of the disused US Air Force airhase in the Cotswolds, and hacked by the British Olympic Association, has a huge administrative centre ready made.

The bidding criteria for the Academy included provision for 18 key sports, including football, athletics, cricket, rugby, cycling, bockey and sailing. Up to £100m of lottery money is available for capital costs.

The concept uf a central academy to support clite athletes in the 21st century was based on similar facilities already in place in countries such as France, Germany and Australia, But the original notion of a huge central facility has altered over the last year, and one of the Academy's key roles, according to the project co-ordinator, Roger Moreland, will be "monitoring and co-ordinating a sys-

tem of élite support." By that measure, the Upper Heyford hid appears well favoured, given the BOA's experience in liaising with individual governing bodies.

Last summer the BOA canvassed 33 governing bodies over their hopes for an academy. "Based on that information" a spokeswoman said: "We have pulled together what we feel is a very, very strong hid. Ameridon't do things by halves and the majority of the buildings on site two - the Central Consortium are in superb condition. All and Sheffield - have large sport- sporting facilities will be built as

new." The hid is likely to require betwee £80m and £90m of lottery oney which will be match c' by the bidders with £75m ard £80m.

Sheffield's bid is likely to require £68m in capital costs. Some £150m has already been spent on facilities such as the Don Valley Athletic Stadium, the Sheffield Arena and Ponds Forge swimming pool. "We believe we have got a head start." their spokesman said."

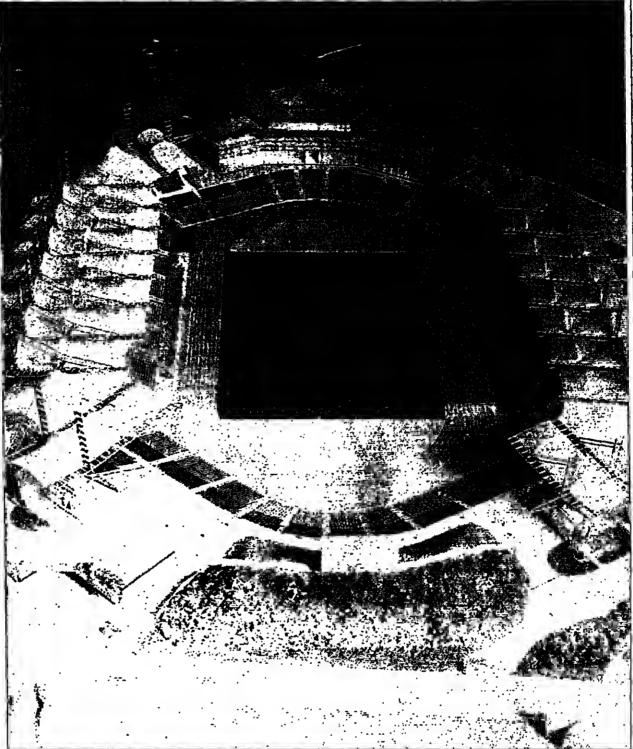
The Sheffield hidders have also been encouraged by the re-cent award of £12m Sports Council grant - the biggest single grant in its history - towards national ice centre next to Sheffield Arena.

The Central Consortium are basing their hopes on a hid which draws on established sporting facilities including Loughborough University, the University of Nottingham the Queen's Medical Centre, the National Sailing and Canoeing centre at Holme Pierrepont, and Lilleshall, home to the Football Association school of excellence and British gymnastics. We have got existing facili-

ties and expertise," a spokesman said. "But we are not just looking at giving them a lick of paint, we are planning a £150m development."

Once the site of the Academy has been established plans go ahead to create a network of regional centres and tacilities dedicated to specific sports, or clements of athletes' support such as hiomechanics.

Those hids, which have missed out on securing the academy, such as Manchester, Birmingham and Sports City Foundation, have been encouraged to tender for one of the smaller centres.



#### S Africa pick **Tait returns for Scotland Du Plessis** as new coach after nine-year absence Rugby Union

Model arena on the shortlist: How the British Academy of Sport would look at the Don Valley Stadium in Sheffield

Boxing

Scott Welch will have the chance to put last month's World Boxing Organisation heavyweight title setback behind him this summer.

The Brighton fighter, who hardly got out of first gear hefore losing on a wide points margin in his challenge for Henry Akinwande's title in Nashville, has been nominated to meet the world-rated Croat Zeljko Mavrovic for the Euro-DEAR CTOWN.

Being promoted by Frank Warren under his Sky television deal, Welch is counting on home advantage to secure a victory which could help him right a lot of the wrongs of the Akinwande defeat.

However, the European Boxing Union is not in a hurry to get the fight on. The EBU has called for private negotiations between promoters to be completed by 15 May, but the fight is more likely to go out to purse offers after that deadline. The German-based Mavrovic, who is trained by the Lon-

Mitchell and Julius Francis.

Welch offered chance

to revive his career

"I don't really care where it nice. I'm at that tevel now where I've just got to go in there and win," Welch said. "I watched the Francis fight. Mavrovic is unheaten and I definitely won't make the mistake of underestimating him. But I think it's a fight I can win.

"My credibility has taken a battering after the Akinwande fight and I don't want it to get worse by fighting burns. I don't want to get involved in any hype; just to go out there and get the

Welch has clearly learned a tesson from the Akinwande fight, in which he waged a war or words, a mind game which was completely out of character and simply did not work. He may take a 10-rounder in ear-May, and a fight this year against the South African former International Boxing Federation champion, François Botha, has not been ruled out,

Billy Schwer, the former British lightweight champion has been nominated to meet the EBU title holder, Manuel Ferdoner Darkie Smith, will be looking for a British hat-trick afnandes, of Spain. Schwer and his three tosses.

ter his stoppages of Clifton manager, Mickey Duff, were at ringside to see Fernandes stop the French defending champi is, but close to home would be on, Angel Mona, in five rounds in Paris on Saturday.

Schwer has long been waiting for a European title fight, but accepts that it could take six months at least to set up a fight against Fernandes. "I might have a warm-up fight in the meantime, I'm not sure." he said. "Fernandes is a good puncher, is young and has ptenty of energy. He stopped Mona, but was out of his feet in the third round. It's just good to get a title chance. It's been a bit frustrating in the last few months." Jose Bonilla, of Venezuela, ily retained his World Boxing Association flyweight title when he stopped Japan's Hiroki loka yesterday. The American referee, Rafael Ramos, stopped the fight after 2min 49sec of the seventh round in Osaka with the challenger helpless against the ropes. Bonilla floored loka in the second round to take control of the fight. Bonilla, who

The South African Rugby Football Union has turned to Carel du Plessis to replace the disgraced Andre Markgraaff as pringbok coach. Described in his playing days

as the "prince of wings", Du Plessis, 36, thus becomes the youngest coach in Springbok hisory. He has the dual responsihility of leading his country through 13 internationals this year, as well as healing some of he game's self-inflicted wounds. Markgraaff resigned last week after a secret tape record-ing was published of a couversation in which he made racist remarks against black sports

The former Western Province and Springbok winger - unrelated to South Africa's World Cup winning manager Morne du Plessis - retired at the age of 29 as sporting isotation limited his career to just 12 Tests between 1982 and 1989.

Second Division Moseley have signed the winger Gavin Houlston from the South African province Transvaal. Houlston, 23, holds a British passport and will be able to play as an English-qualified

Alan Tait will complete his attack and defence. I think he journey from rugby league back to union when he lines up for Scotland against Iretand at Murrayfield on Saturday and returns to the Five Nations'

year absence. The 32-year-old Newcastle player wins his ninth cap in the team named yesterday. This follows his inclusion in the provisional Lions squad of 62 for the summer tour of South Africa. Rob Wainwright is anxious that Tait does not have to carry the burden of Scottish expectation. "Tait's experience in league will be important to us," the Scot-

Championship after a nine-

tooking for some messiah, as the Welsh possibly viewed their returning league players." Tait returned to union this season with Newcastle to be nearer to his family in Scotland, a decision which brought to an end a league career in which be was capped 14 times by Great Britain during spells with

land captain said. "But we're not

Widnes and Leeds. David Johnston, Scotland's backs coach, is optimistic that Thit can lift the Scots following their defeats by Wales and England. "Tait is confident both in

Football.

T.30 urtess stated

will improve the performance of the side," he said.

"We didn't perform as well as we might have in the last two Test matches. Against England we had a different blend and it simply didn't function. We now believe we have a combination that will perform."

Tait, who won his eight previous caps between 1987 and 1988, will form a new centre partnership with Gregor Townsend "Hopefully I can help Gregor to perform," Tait said after learning of his selection. The mercurial Townsend switches from stand-off to inside centre, the position he occupied against Wales and Italy.

Craig Chalmers regains the No 10 jersey after being dropped for the England game and the other change in the backs is at right wing, where Tony Stanger returns to what many see as his best position in place of Derek Stark after playing centre at Twickenham.

Despite their poor showing against England, the forwards are retained en bloc, although there has been a positional switch in the back row. Scotland's coach, Richie Dixon, felt that the

pack performed more than creditably against England. "Considering they were heavily outweighed they were solid in the scrums and went well in the line-out. This group definitely deserved another chance," he said.

The positional alteration sees the captain, Rob Wainwright, and Peter Walton switch positions. Wainwright will line up on the blind side, where he used to play, while Walton will be at No 8 in an international for the first time but Dixon insisted: "I don't see that as a gamble."

CODI I SEC LITEL AS A SETTIOUS.
SECTIAND I Instant, Fire Medicine Cleaningconsists, Marroyffeed, J. Mart: R. Steighnerd (Marole); A Stanger (Canach), A Talk (Novacalie), et Tournised (Northampton), K Logian (Soring Co). C Chairmons (Narocal), B Redgate Mediconi; T Smith (Metsoniana), G Ellis (Curre), M Steward Morphan, R Weissmitght (Maisoniana, capt), P Wei-Marting (Marcolle), I Smith (Chucesand, Replace-menta: C Claegow Deprot's PP), D Hodge (Massorian), A Marshyder (Newcastde), B Crobin (Massorian), B Hilton (Bgff), S Brotherstone flictone)

The Ireland prop Nick Popplewell said yesterday that he was struggling to recover from a hamstring injury in time to play for Ireland against Scotland on Saturday. Popplewell pulled a hamstring when playing for Newcastle against Leicester in the Pilkington Cup at the weekend and was unable to take any part in an Irish squad training

session on Monday.

Backburn (7.0): Numeroster Utd v Nottinghat Forest (7.0): At Bury FC): Frest Bildelings Asso. Vite v Miscripton (7.0): for Weisel FC): Pan Vite v Bischpool: (7.0): Preston v Huddertisis (7.0): Second Division Maria v Huddertisis

#### the same, England France and Wales will each have four representatives, Ireland and Scotland three each and Italy one. The final place will be decided by a play-off between Italy's second nomination and Romania's champion ctub.

five pools of four with the winners of each going through to the quarter-finals. The remaining uarter-finalists will be drawn from three matches played between the five runners-up and the best third-placed team. The format for the European

The 20 teams will be solit into

Conference has yet to be decided, but the tournament will continue and matches will be played on some, or all, of the weekends devoted to European Cup games.

The Rugby Football Union have responded in a calm man-

ner to criticism from Orrell's, chairman Ron Pimblett, that his cluh's amendments before the special general meeting on 9 March had not been circulated.

"This appears to be a blatant attempt by RFU committees to disenfranchise the membership and remove the democratic process," Pimblett said.

ಕ್ಷಾಚಿತ್ರ

But the RFU denied the charges last night. "We would submit the RFU has acted cfficiently and promptly," a statement said

Orrell, firm supporters of the executive committee chairman, Cliff Brittle, want guaranteed powers for the chairman of the management board under the new structure.

The Swansea coach. Mike Ruddock, is considering a three-year contract with the Leinster provincial team. Ruddock's wife is Irish and he joined the Welsh club after a spell with Bective Rangers.

**FA Carling Premiership** 1 Blackburn v Sunderland .. 4 Leeds v West Ham 5 Man United v Coventry 6 Newcastle v Southampton .. Shaffield Wed v Middlesbrough.

& Tottenham v Nottrn Forest . Ptaying Sunday: Aston Villa v Liverpool. Ptaying Monday: Covenay v Wimbledon. Nationwide League First Division 16 Bradford v Man City

11 Grinsby v Birmingham 13 Oxford Utd v Crystal Palace 14 Port Vale v Reading ...... 15 Portsmouth v Sheffield Utd... 16 OPR v Oldham.

18 Swindon v Chariton 19 Wolves v loswich ...

Playing Friday: Tranmere v Stoke. Play-ing Sunday: Bolton v West Arom Second Division 20 Bournemouth v Shrewsbury 21 Bristol Rovers v Walsall .... 22 Crewe v Gillingham ... wall v Wycombe . 24 Notts County v Bremtford 25 Peterborough v Chesterheid

26 Plymouth v Alackpool 27 Preston v Bury. 29 Watford v Bristol City . 30 Wresham v Burnidy ... 3d. York v Luton ... Third Division

32 Cartisle v Lincoln

WEEKEND AND POOLS FORECAST 35 Hardepool v Sounthorpe. 36 Hereford v Exeter... 37 Hull v Northampton . 38 Leyton Orient v Barnet. 39 Mansfield v Cambridge

took the title from Thailand's

San Ploenchit last November.

improved his record to 22 wins.

including 11 knock-outs, against

Also playing (not on coupons): Rochdale v Torquay. Playing Friday: Colchester v Scarborough, Doncaster v Wigan. Playing Sunday: Swanses v Cardiff. Bell's Scottish League Premier Division

40 Aberdeen v Rangers 41 Celac v Hearts. 42 Dundee United y Dunfermline 43 Hibertian v Motherwell 44 Rath v Kilmamock First Division 48 East Fife v Dundae 46 Fatterk v St Mirren .

47 Monton v Stirling Albion 48 Partick v Airdrie 49 St Johnstone v Clydebank Also playing (not on coupons): Berwick v Queen of the South.

Also playing (not on coopens) Second Division: Ayr v Berwck, Clyde v Quesn of the South, Dumbarton v Brechn; Livngston v Hamilton, Sterihousem Stranger, Third Division: Arbrosth v Stranger, Third Divisions Afbroath v East Serling, Invertess Caledonian Thistle v Alloa, Montrose v Ross County, Queen's Park v Forfar, Playing Friday: Albion v Con-Four draws: Eventon v Arsenal, Bradford City v Manchester City, Hibernian v Moth-erwell, Fallork v St Mirren.

Five aways: Cheisea, arentford, Luton,

Ten homes: Leeds, Manchester United, Newcastle, Porsmouth, Wokerhampton

COCA-COLA CUP SEMI-FINAL FIRST LEG Stockport v Middleshro FA CARLING PREMIERSIEP Southwington v Wimbledon HATIONWIDE POOTBALL LEAGUE TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUI

TODAY'S FIXTURES DR MARTENS LEAGUE Premier Division; New-port NFC v Gravesend & Northbest (7.45), NDd lend Division: VS Rugby v Terniv Division: Besticy v St Leongras, F ford.

> VELSH CUP Quarter-final raphry: Own Hogwell
> LEAGUE OF WALES: Committee Town v Aberya-taryon, Postponed: First Town v Hogwell
> NORTHERM GOUNTIES EAST LEAGUE Pre-miler Divisions: Censiby Linked v Liversedge, League Cap Pourth round: Brigg Town v Gleeghe Usikian Mel. EMSOK EASTERN COUNTRES LEAGUE Premier Irrigious Schall v Folenham: Stournariet v Wis-

REWECK DUKECT LEAGUE PIN rten v Brisington. ASTONILEAD NEWY LEACUS Piret Dhilslorc Kharil Town v Herne Bey. MALET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE John O'HARD Annua Can Third round: Spittlean Little His-

Rugby Union Weish National League First Division Carelli v Cardiff (7.0). CIS UNDER-21 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHI

Michanda Pinet: Waterckshi & Derbys (7.30) (at Rugby). Rackathall EUROPEAN CHAMPIO Russia (7.45) (at Guide

# Moment of truth for Olazabal

Andy Farrell reports from Dubai on a master's return after a crippling disease

The figure on the practice range at the Emirates club, arcing beautifully struck iron shots towards the palm trees at the far end. looked reassuringly famil-iar. Passers-by nodded to each other: "Looks the same to me," they said.

The only clue that Jose Maria Olazabal had been away from the tournament scene since September 1995 was in the white plastic chair next to his golf bag which his manager. Sergio Gomez, gave up for his client's brief rests. Everyone in the United Arab Emirates is united in their anticipation and expectation of how the Spaniard will perform in the Dubai Desert Classic.

"I'm maybe anxious, hut not nervous," Olazabal said. "A lit-tle hit excited as well." What galled about the Spaniard's en-forced absence was that he never lost the talent in his hands that made him the US Masters champion, at 28, in 1994. He just could not walk, nor, at its worst, stand for more than 10 minutes.

"It was just too painful," he said. At the beginning of 1995, Olazabal, who had been noticeably limping for some time. had a section of the hig toe on his right foot removed. The discomfort continued and after the Lancome Trophy that year, when ranked ninth in the world, he withdrew from the Ryder Cup team and disappeared from public view.

Experts in Spain and the United States diagnosed rheumatoid arthritis, a geneuc condition for which there is no proven cure. Comehack deadlines came and went, interview requests declined. He worked on a course design project in Andorra, and sat at home listening to Tina Turner and Joe Cocker and watching sport on television. The golf was the worst. "You realised how hurt you were and that you might not play golf again. That was maybe

the toughest part." he said. While in Munich last Sepmber, Olazabal met Dr Hans-Feelgood", as he is known to the well.

**Rugby League** 

DAVE HADFIELD

likes of Boris Becker and Linford Christie, diagnosed a biomechanical problem that could be treated with exercise and physiotherapy. "Since I went to see him, although I am not yet 100 per cent, everything has improved without setbacks, Olazabal said.

"Just being here is a blessing," he added. "I still feel it a bit in my feet, especially at the end of a round, but the pain is bearable. My main target now is to forget about the last 18 months. This week is to see bow I cope with the daily demands of a tournament. After so long, I have to be realistic."

Olazabal, who today plays 18 holes for the seventh day running in the pro-am, plans to rewhich he clearly hopes will be on Sunday rather than Friday. "I am very pleased to see him walking properly and to me, it looks like he is 100 per cent right," said his compatriot Seve Ballesteros, the Ryder Cup

captain, is not alone is boping that Olazabal approaches top form in September, even if it would further complicate his wild card plans for the Cup defence, It is a crowded field: Ian Woosnam and Bernhard Langer have work to do to qualify; Nick Faldo probably has to win a major to do so, and Jesper Parnevik, who has had four top-five finishes in America already this year, cannot even attempt to do so because he is not

a member of the European Tour. "What can I do? I ask for four wild cards and they say only two," Seve said, rehashing the old argument at length. Again, it was clear that his ideas do not coincide with those of the Ryder Cup Committee, Disingenuously, he added: "You all look so worried about this. Keep calm, the tournament is still nine months away." It is a worry, and the Ryder Cup is only seven months away.

Sam Torrance yesterday pulled out of the Dubai Desert Wilhelm Muller-Wohlfahrt. "Dr a row, hecause his wife is un-



# Schmeichel wants to clear his name

Football

A move by the Football Association to defuse the continuing feud between Peter Schmeichel and Ian Wright could be under threat following the news that the Manchester United goalkeeper is taking legal advice in a bid to clear his reputation of the racist allegations generated by the row.

The FA chief executive, Graham Kelly, revealed at the week-

Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea man-

ager, yesterday langued off

the suggestion that he had

purposely fired up Leicester

City before today's FA Cup fifth-round replay by main-taining: "I was only telling the

The Stamford Bridge side ap-peared to be cruising into the

ast eight after goals from

Roberto Di Matteo and Mark

Hughes, But Leicester hit back

after the break, Steve Walsh

hauling them back into con-

tention before Eddie Newton

put through his own goal two

brand Leicester "lucky", saying the long-ball Midlanders had

created nothing, made only two

set-piece chances, and he was "very comfortable" about going

through to claim a trip to

The Leicester manager,

Martin O'Neill, was furious at

Gullit's claims, and the captain, Walsh, continued the criticism

Gullit's response was to

minutes from time.

Portsmouth.

peacemaker following last Wednesday's disgraceful scenes at Highbury when the Arsenal striker Wright confronted Schmeichel as they left the pitch

have made a racist remark to Wright when the two teams met at Old Trafford in November, an incident which is still being investigated by the police. and boiled over again when Wright committed a two-foot-

end that he was ready to act as

**Gullit unrepentant** 

following United's 2-1 win. The war of words began

when Schmerchel was alleged to

their disappointment at not

winning, but there was no rea-

son at all for their manager to

bave a go at us for the way we played," Walsh said. But the complaints from the

Leicester camp hrought no climbdown from Gullit, with

the Dutchman standing by

his remarks. "I don't worry

to apset them. I just said what

happened. It was a fact, and I

don't know why they have to be upset about it."

doubts - Frode Grodas, Andy

Myers, and possibly even the player-manager himself are

on standby - O'Neill wel-comes back the suspended

quartet Neil Lennon, Emile

Heskey, Muzzy Izzet and Mart

While Gullit has his injury

back Dan Petrescu.

week's countly explosive game. Both the FA and Professional Footballers' Association have made bids to bring the two players together, although Kel-ly insisted that such a move would not free either man from the threat of disciplinary charges over the incident.

But the Old Trafford director and club solicitor. Maurice Watkin, confirmed vesterday. Reports that Peter is taking icgal advice are true. But other than to confirm that, I don't want to make any further comment on the matter at this

stage."
Schmeichel clearly wants to clear his name, but his move towards legal redress could scupper the peace plan even though both United and Arsenal have not yet rejected the Lancastet Gate initiative.

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager. is reported to have said: "Ohviously we are aware of the proposals for a meeting but this is a very delicate situation and we will follow the advice given to

about what I said, because I His Arsenal counterpart. Ar didn't lie," said Gullit, who has major doubts over goalkeepsene Wenger, said: "I think it Ier Kevin Hitchcock and winga very good idea and would encourage the FA in this." "What I said wasn't designed

However, with Schmeiche! now exploring other avenues. the dispute could now be heading for the courtroom ruthe: than the negotiating table. Jimmy Gabriel has ended his 37-year association with Everton as player, coach and caretaker manager. Gabriel who won League and FA Cun medals during his 300 appearances for the club, is to leave

Everton to pursue a coaching

No club punishment

for supporters' fight

#### **Injury-hit Boro** to welcome back Emerson

Emerson will return to the Middlesbrough side for their Coca-Cola Cup semi-final first leg at Stockport tonight after completing a two-match ban.

However, Boro will be without his fellow Brazilian Juninho as he will be playing in a friendly international against

Defenders Derek Whyte and Phil Whelan are also ruled out Vickers is doubtful with a head injury sustained during Saturday's 1-0 defeat by Newcastle. Nigel Pearson is on standby after recovering from a neck injury which at one time

threatened to end his career. Stockport's Lee Todd has been given a Coca-Cola Cup reprieve by this season's new disciplinary code after starting a two-match ban in County's 2-1 defeat at Blackpool on Satur-

Only the fact that the Football League deemed at the start of the season that suspensions accrued in League and FA Cup matches would no longer apply in the Coca-Cola Cup has saved the 24-year-old full-back from missing out on the biggest match of his career so far and he will once again take up his berth on the left flank with the versatile Tony Dinning set to reA meeting between Football Association officials and local police appears to have eased any fear of punishment for either Leicester or Chelsea over fighting between their fans.

Trouble broke out in a corner of the main stand at Filbert Street during the first half of their FA Cup fifth-round tie 11 days ago after visiting supporters apparently infiltrated an

But the match, which will be replayed at Stamford Bridge tonight following a 2-2 draw, was held up for less than a minute and Leicester security staff were praised for their prompt action.

Steve Double, an FA spokesman said "We have had a meeting with Leicester and their local police at Filbert Street and written to Chelsea as well. As things stand, we are satisfied with how the situation was handled."

The FA will however, investigate an incident at Birmingham in which a missile was thrown at a linesman during their FA Cup tie against Wrexbam.

A report by the referee Mar-tin Bodenham has been passed on to the club, who have been asked by the FA to give details of their crowd-control arrangements before deciding whether Birmingham took all reasonable steps to ensure safety.

-Arantoa Sanchez Vicarlo, the Spanish No 1, has appointed her brother Emito as her new coach in an attempt to resumed her server and help her to challenge Steff Graf and Martina Hings. "To be No 1 again I need someone who knows me," Sanchez Vicario sald. Emito Sanchez, who takes over from the Australian Menyn Rose, will continue to play on the men's circuit despite his new role.

MEM'S MRAIN PRODOR TOURNAMENT First round: © Plotine (Pr) bt D Camporese (It) 4-6-6-4-8-1. A Boetsch (Fr) bt K Alami (Mor) 2-6-6-4-8-4.

Arantia Sanchez Vicario, the Spanish

Mick Jones, Plymouth Argyle's caretaker-manager, is to be offered the manager's job. Jones will succeed Neil Warnock, who was sacked three

weeks ago, Celtic and Hearts face being fined unless their poor disciplinary records improve. The Scottish FA's disciplinary committee have sent letters of warning to the two Premier Division Arbroath. East Stirling and

Cowdenbeath. John Ebbrell appears likely to end a 10-year association with Everton and learn up with his former manager, Howard Kendall. Ebbrell had talks with Sheffield United last night with a view to a £1m move which might preclude an Everton bid for Leeds

United's Carlton Palmer. Hungarian international mid-field player Peter Lipcsei has

5

governing body, said yesterday that 60 club sides from 33 countries would compete in this year's InterToto Cup. England. Italy and Spain have declined to

(Croydon) Second round: V Lruder /Fin bt P Kolavec (Can) 7-5 7-5: C Haggard /SA/ bt C Beacher (GB) 6-4 7-5: D Van Uttolen (Bel) ot M Lee (GB) 6-7 6-4 8-4.

With Let (ES) 6-7 6-7 8-4.
WITA TOUR RANKINGS: 1 S Graf i Get 5028-05es 2 Mi-kings (Swid 4277-5; 3 J Novorns (C Rep) 3318,4412; 4 A Sanchez Vicano (Sp) 3202-891: 5 C Marinez (Sp) 3010.6-10; 6 M Soles (US) 2321-8083; 7 A Huber (Get 2571-0.088); 3 L Desemport (US) 240-5667; 3 I Mejok (Crop) 2110-2820; 10 K Habeucove (Soles); 20 21 M Perce (Fr) 1524-8196; 13 A Cootzer (SN) 1566-7009; 24 M J Formanda: (US) 1542-5113; 15 J Wheener (Au) 1533-5810; 18 B Paulus Vaut 1527-2912; 17 3 Soles Modern (Ref) 1524-8196; 13 K Po (US) 1377-0647; 19 S Appetrians (Bel-1359-6560; 20 E Likhovtseva / Rus-1154-2240.

The resignation of a director in a row over where Wigan will play has exposed a further rift at a troubled club. John Martin bas quit after four years on the board, accusing his fellow directors of back-tracking on a deal with Dave Whelan, the chairman of the Third Division football club, Wigan Athletic, to redevelop their Central Park ground.

Martin vesterday called on the remaining three directors to resign as well. "I cannot be Jack Robinson, now says that

Jimmy White's determination to

recover his status in the world

rankings was clear again yes-terday as he reached the last 16

of the European Open in

Welshman Matthew Stevens 5-1, a match he could easily have

lost during his depressing slide

down the rankings. His run to

the quarter-linals of the recent

International Open at Aberdeen

not only halted his decline, hut

helped begin his climb back to

White heat the 19-year-old

party to what is happening," he

Martin, a close friend of Whelan, backs the plan under which the multi-millionaire would buy Central Park for £4m, spend £11m on rebuilding and move bis football club across town to share it.

A meeting of shareholders in January also voted overwhelmingly for that option, rejecting alternative plans for a new ground in Wigan or mov-ing in with Bolton Wanderers at their new stadium in Horwich

But the Wigan chairman,

recognised in the undated

rankings published yesterday

which shows him up to 25th

from 36, although he began the

1996-97 campaign in 13th

His victory over Stevens

should see him jump up sever-al more rungs of the ladder, and

a win against Scotland's John

Higgins today could see him

knocking on the door of the top

portant to me," said the 34-year-

old Londoner, the European

Open winner in 1992 following

a 9-3 triumph over Mark John-

"Ranking points are all im-

the board cannot be tied to that decision.

Resignation adds to Wigan's troubles

"It was a consensus that committed the directors to trying to pursue the Dave Whelan option, if it was viable," be said. But if the terms of the lease were unfavourable, it would be a dereliction of duty for the directors to agree to it."

Rohinson said the remaining directors were concerned that the Whelan deal would leave the club short of working capital and earning capacity.

"We have to look at other options," he said. That would mean selling Central Park to

Tesco, whose offer stands at traumas at Wigan, which have in-£8.75m, and building a new stadium - "along the lines of Middlesbrough's new ground with 30,000 scats," said Robinson - and moving temporarily to Bolton until it is ready.

Not so familiar sight of Jose Maria Olazabal yesterday Photograph: David Cannon/Allsport

Martin bas proposed a re-financing that would involve pears in court next month, four or five people putting in charged with attempting to per-£400,000 or £500,000 each. In vert the course of justice. the meantime, he wants back the £250,000 he has invested in the club. A further complication is that he runs the profitable Riverside Club at the

ground. This is the latest in a series of

The BBC is to televise the Challenge Cup quarter-final between Warrington and Salford on 8 March.

cluded the departure of the foot-

ball manager, Joe Lydon, and the

coach, Graeme West, as well as

the sale of players such as Scott

Quinnell and Va aiga Tuigamala.

Charges against Martin, who

was arrested with him, were

The club remains more than

#### SPORTING DIGEST

## I (J Herbench, J Dorsey, J Kasper, G Hinas) 1:46.24 (52.90, 53.34); 10 Austria I (H Schoesser, G Habernueller, E Arnold, M Schuetzenauer) 1:46.27 (53.15, 53.12). World Cup positions (after six of seven recest: 1 M Rohner (Swt) 178ts; 2 W Hoppe (Ger) 163: 3 D Wess (Ger) 157: 4 G Huber (h) 163: 5 2 Shmer (VS) 141: 9 8 Mingeon (Fr) 135; 7 N Schoesser (Aut) 125; 8 S Pru-sa (Let 124: 9 J Herberich (US) 121; 10 H Cautol (Ger) 119.

#### Cricket

Devon, the Minor Counties chempions, are hoping Peter Roebuck can lead them to an unpracedented fourth successive to an unprecedented fourth successive championship after the former Somer set skipper was re-elected unopposed as captain for the forthcoming season. as captain for the forthcoming season.
RED STRIPE CUP (Finel day of four): The
Valley, Anguillac teaward Island: 198 and
236 (K L 7 Arthurton 95; C A Dove 5-43):
Windward Islands 198 and 203 U R Murray
52), Lewward Islands won by two rims. Perf
of Spain: Transid and Tobago 305 and 204
for 9 dec (M V Nagamooton 4-59); Cayene
241 and 2 for 0 train). Match drawn.

TOUR DE LANGKAWI Seventin stede (124 miles, Benteng to Kuentan, Maley): 1 F McCormach (US) 4hr 41min 25sec; 2 G Kemper (Nem); 3 A Tai (t); 4 G Miler (N2); 5 C Anderson (Dan): 6 A Aug (Phy; 7 J Form's (ES) all some time. Overall standinger 1 L Scribin (II) 18hr 14min 56sec; 2 J Volgt Vuss + 2min 24sec; 3 A EB (2) + 228; 4 A Lecchi (II) + 2:31.

Football FRANCE (Priently International v the Northerlands, Pare dee Princes, Paris, to-day's Larra; Thuram, Blanc, Desaily, Lizaszor, Narembeu, Lagle, Viella, Ba; Zidane, Dugar-

Ph. EMBLEMSH FOOTBALL LEAGUE First DWshort Pestported: Crystal Pelace v Reading.
SCOTTISM LEAGUE Triefs Division: Pestported: Ross County v Queen's Park.
USS LEAGUE Premier Division: Postported:
Octor Crty v Enfeld.
MONDAY'S LATE RESULTS: FA Carling Prestiernsity: West Hum 4 Totterham 3. Dr.
Martens League Premier Division: Cretisford City 3 Holesowen Town 0. Unifood
League Uniffied First Division: Cretisford Right Pest Division: Cry third
nound: Asitum Utt 4 Notherfield 4, Foderation Brewey Northern League First Divisione RTM Newcastle 4 Easington 1. Lids
League First Division: Postported: Sogrot
Regs v Maudenhead. Porticus League Soor
Regs v Maudenhead. Porticus League Soc

#### Spooker

turn to the bench.

EUROPEAN OPEN (Valetta, Malta) Flast round: N Bord (Engl bt R Lawler (Engl 5-3; 1 Bitch (Engl bt D Nerold (Engl 5-1; 1 White (Engl bt M Streems (Wall 5-1; 5 Hendry (Sco) bt J Burnett (Sco) 5-1; N Dahenty (Vil bt R Militins (Engl 5-3).

QATAR INTERNATIONAL OPEN (Dobs) Mat's teams quarter-fixele: Chine 3 Austra 2; Koree 3 Germany 1; Japan 3 France 2; Sweden 3 England D II Person tt C Preen 18-21 21-10 21-11, J Woldner bt M Syed 21-12 13-21 21-15, P Karisson and T Von Scheele bt Preen and A Peny 21-17 21-15).

# SNOW REPORT - in association with Thomas Cook Ski Direct

SKI HOTLINE atest snow and weather reports from 180+ resorts in Europe and North America. Phone or fax:

#### SKI SNAPSHOT At-a-clance tax guide to snow conditions at 180+ resorts world-

wide.

0897 500 601

0891 333 110

SKIFAX Where to find the best snow - by fax. ... Call SKIFAX - the ski facts: 0897 300 301

SKICODES For a fax list of 180+

110 280 Pt clours, 80 150 Surrey spens Mont St Arme ... Fresh dry snow on trails SWITZERLAND UNITED STATES

or all other limbs - Calle to 0987 5 services cost Et/min - Calle to 0597 services cost £1.60/min - Holotena. 0990 120 345

r Del file insuscine. මිට්මාලුම පොරිස්සේ මේ වන ගතු ශණ්ඩයක් සිටි **සේ** දක් Call Ski Direct on 01733 33 55 14



#### Travel schedule angers Cardiff ice hockey trip to Ayr for a match less than 24 hours later.

White's resurgence was ston-Allen in Belgium.

White climbs world rankings

position.

respectability.

Cardiff Devils, the new Superleague champions, have protested about their schedule for the title play-offs which begin this weckend.

The Devils are annoyed that they will be faced with three sets final weekend. of back-to-back games, twice after bus journeys which will take them the length of the country.

Cardiff open at Newcastle Cobras on Saturday, then face It doesn't seem fair. Avt the following night after the ital. The following weekend they are at home to Manchester Storm on the Saturday before undergoing the even longer be contacting the Superleague."

Cardiff's programme ends with a home game against Newcastle on 12 March before another journey the next day to play at Manchester. They receive a welcome rest on the

"We have got to get the fix-tures changed," Paul Heavey, the Cardiff coach, said, "We win the league and end up being given the worst possible schedule.

"We know you have to accept long trek back to the Welsh cap- some travelling because of the geographical differences, hut we are being punished for something that is not our fault and will

Athletics

Athletes who break world records at the world outdoor championships in Athlens this year will earn \$100,000 (£63,000). the International Amateur Athletic Fed-eration said yesterdey. World record breakers at next week's world indoor championships in Paris would get

Basketbali NBA: Orlando 93 Detruit 84; Adams 106 Golden State 100; Chedgo 116 Pontand 89; Char-lotte 96 San Antonio 84.

Bobsleigh

Bobsleigh
Four-MAN Word D CUP (Regano, Japan)
1 USA I (8 Strmer, C Minton, R Jones, R Gesen) Imm 45.75sec (first nin 52.71sec, second run 53.04; 2 Germany II (D Wiese, C
Bartsch, T Weber, M Lekmeer 1:46.02
(52.99, 53.03); 3 France 1:8 Mintgoon, E
Hostache, E Le Charrony, M Robert 1:46,07
(62.77, 53.30); 4 Switzertand II (M Robner,
M Nissel, T Schreiber, R Tannery 1:46,10
(52.96, 53.14); 5 Lindy I (S Pusis, E Bojars, A Plutsna, J Esins) 1:46,11 (52.97,
53.14); 2 Italy I (6 Huber, A Tantagla, M Roba,
M Menchon) 1:46,15 (52.99, 53.27); 7— Germany I (W Hoppe, U Helecher, R Harmermann,
C Embach) 1:46,23 (52.96, 53.27), Cartada I I P Lucclers, S Wiscomen, D ve MacEach da I (P Lucders, S Witscman, D ve MacEach-em, J Pyc) 1:46.23 (53.14, 53.09); 9 USA

## and Division: Bradford City 1 Shrewithury D (abandoned 30 min); Mansheld 2 Rotherhem

Golf

Prize money for the Yoko Masters, the final event of the European four season, has been increased by £100,000 to £1.m. This year's event from October 30 to November 2 will be played at the Jack Nicklaus-designed Montecastilio course, Spain, Volvo elso announced increased prize money of £100,000 to £1.1m for the British PGA championship at Wentworth in May.

Mon Pickersgill, president of the All Eng-land Women's Hockey Association, has been nominated as chairman to has been nominated as challman to head the new English Hockey Association for its first year following the recent death of Tory White. Robin Elliott, the HA President, is being proposed a wee-charman. The recommendation from the Steering Group will be put to meetings of the HA and AEWHA early restricted.

MHL: Detroit 5 Pricerts 3; Viestungen 3 Boston 3 (cd).

TODAY'S NUMBER £237

The increase in the most expensive Chelsea season tick et-from £650, to £887 next season. Currently, the most expensive Premiership sessor ticket is Wimbledon's £680: by comparison, the most ex-

pensive at the San Siro sta

dium in Milan is around £700.

joined Sheffield Wednesday on trial from Porto. Lipesei has more than two years left on his contract with the Portuguese club and is likely to cost a substantial amount if Wednesday try to sign him. Uefa, the game's European

take part.

**Facing France** 

Tony Underwood explains their strengths and weaknesses, page 26

## Rowell quick to defend players' qualities

**Rugby Union** CHRIS HEWETT

Jack Rowell stopped short of openly criticising Fran Cotton's initial Lions selection yesterday, but the England coach dropped enough hints to suggest that he was not remotely amused by the omission of his entire three-quarter line. Will Carting omitted himself, of course, but Rowell

made a strong point of speak-ing up for the others. The failure of Phil de Glanville, Jon Sleightholme and Tony Underwood to make Cotton's preliminary party of 62 caused so much fuss last week that Rowell, who has fielded more than his fair share of flak in recent months, must have felt grateful to the selectors for taking their turn in the firing line. Yesterday, however, it was time to put his head above the parapet once again.

Rowell's heartfelt defence of De Gianville's contribution as England captain was particularly pointed. "I'm not say-ing Phil is any better or worse a player than John Dawes was, but he's our equivalent," he asserted. A choice of comparison could not have been more loaded for Dawes, often under-valued as a centre by his own Welsh countrymen, left an indelible mark on the world game as captain of the legendary Lions who overcame

New Zealand in 1971. "What is important for all three players is that they per-form well for England, continued Rowell. "That is the best way forward to a Lions place this summer. Knowing the three as I do, I think the events



Practice makes perfect: The England players get to grips with their scrum machine during yesterday's training session at Bisham Abbey

more determined, Tony Underwood played the best game of rugby I've ever seen from him in Ireland 11 days ago and while I haven't discussed the Lions with him or anyone else, I know they'll give even more than usual

Worryingly, De Glanville and four colleagues were still ham-

will require treatment before Saturday's Five Nations confrontation at Twickenham. The captain, struggling with ankle problems sustained during Bath's weekend victory at Bristol, was joined on the casualty list by Martin Johnson, the Leicester lock, and Richard Hill, the Saracens flanker, both

Shaw, the Bristol second row, and Mike Catt, the reserve outside-half from Bath, also complained of shoulder and calf conditions respectively.

Although Hill and Catt were unable to take any part in yesterday's session - the other three just about coped with light duties - Rowell was confident of fielding his selected

side against the French. "People tend to get themselves up for an England match, especially one of this magnitude," he said,

The French are always dangerous, frightening even, particularly when they get their fluent multi-handling game going. It seems to me that Jean-Claude Skrela and Pierre unwilling to, play fast, adven-villepreuz, have relaunched turous rugby without spending that amongst ourselves. I know

the side with their coaching. They do not appear to be as constrained mentally as they have been in previous years and if we are not at our best, we could find

ourselves leaking points." Aware of the most recent taunts aimed at England - that they are either incapable of, or the first hour of a match squeezing the breath from the opposition - Rowell confirmed that he would be seeking early progress on Saturday,

We need to settle more meanness of the best New

quickly and play more accurately," he said. "We started scrappily against the Irish, and we have already talked about

we can be untidy and give things away. If you do that against the French you are playing with fire. We need to perform with the

Photograph: David Ashdown

Zealand sides." If England can live up to that demand against the Tricolores, a Grand Slam will be theirs for

Thit returns, page 26

# Operation puts Shearer out for a month

The prospects of Newcastle an operation on the injury in United winning their first major trophy since 1969 - which have always seemed entwined with Alan Shearer's fitness and form - were placed in serious jeopardy yesterday when the England striker underwent an

operation on his groin.

The most optimistic estimate for his return is a month, by which time Newcastle's assault

eight months, suggesting a longer lay-off may be necessary

for a proper cure. Even if he emulates his extraordinarily quick recuperation legs of the Uefa Cup quarterfinal against Monaco and five League matches, including the potentially decisive away matches at Liverpool and Wimbledon.

Anyone watching Alan play lately would agree that he has not been the Alan Shearer Newcastle fans know and love," Graham Courtney, a club spokesman, said. "He's been struggling with the injury and now he's had an operation to rectify the problem. We look forward to having him back as quickly as possible."

Shearer, who cost Newcastle a world-record £15m when they

on the Premiership and the He must also be rated exUefa Cup could have been detremely doubtful for England's summer, was out of action for just other last May, which at one he said. "Alan has kept me inthat it needed to be dealt with," to get a goal ended his hopes of la has filled the void, although
the must also be rated exbought him from Blackburn last
other last May, which at one he said. "Alan has kept me inthe must also be rated exbought him from Blackburn last
other last May, which at one he said. "Alan has kept me inthe must also be rated exbought him from Blackburn last
other last May, which at one he said. "Alan has kept me inthe must also be rated exbought him from Blackburn last
other last May, which at one he said. "Alan has kept me inthe must also be rated exbought him from Blackburn last
other last May, which at one he said. "Alan has kept me inthe must also be rated exbought him from Blackburn last
other last May, which at one he said. "Alan has kept me inthe must also be rated exbought him from Blackburn last
other last May, which at one he said. "Alan has kept me inchester United on 26 October.

He missed England's 2-0 win in Georgia in a World Cup qualifier and six Newcastle games, only two of which were won, before returning to action in the 1-1 draw at Chelsea on 23 November. Since then, Shearer has scored 15 goals in 18 games, taking his tally for the season to 23 and reviving Newcastle's title pean Championship linals. He recovered to play a key role, but the surgery was only a tempo-

Certainly the England coach. Glenn Hoddle, suggested yes-terday that all has not been well with his principal striker for some time when he admitted the latest operation had been inevitable. "I've been aware of the problem and there's no doubt

want him back as ston as poor sible. It's the third operation of its sort that he's had and we'll be hoping for as speedy a recovery as on the previous occasions.

Shearer played in the 1-0 win at Middlesbrough on Saturday which lifted Newcastle to third place, six points adrift of leaders Manchester United with a game in hand. He had a quiet had cakered odds of 500-1 at the start of the season.

Shearer's absence means the partnership with his fellow England striker, Les Ferdinand, has been disrupted again. They have scored 41 goals between them this season, including seven in Newcastle's last four games, but one or both has been missing for

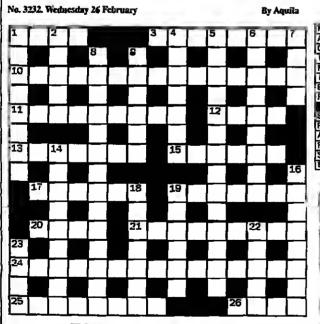
In the past, Faustino Aspril-

railed. More worryingly, this is friendly against Mexico at over a month after surgery in the threatened his place in the formed of his plans over recent ship opponents this season, a match and is suspended for the third time Shearer has had Wembley on 29 March. wake of the 5-0 defeat of Man- England squad for the Euro- days and Kenny Dalglish and I feat for which the bookmakers Tucsday's bome tie against blomaco. Instead, Dalgish may. recall Peter Beardsley, who has been relegated to the substitutes' bench for Newcastle's last two matches.

Dalglish's attacking options have been reduced by the sale of Darren Huckerby to Coventry shortly before Kevin Keegan's departure and that of Paul Kit-

son to West Ham two weeks ago More football, page 27

#### THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



**ACROSS** 

l No baked beans in this hel-Strong-scented plant, always rare after first of February (8)

to Long-standing stone or long standing stone (7,8) First inside safe boundary (9) Disadvantage of alloy ex-pressed symbolically (4)
 Short trips go wrong attend-

ed by sandstorm (7) 15 Calls some of this group hon- 5 est (6) 17 Type to leave Arromanches

ch architectural features? (6) 19 Of course, he is marking

cards (7)
20 Grass border plant opening (4) 2t Line essential to score? (9) 24 Celebration in which heavers lift vast vield (7.8)

25 French article camouflaged but exposed (8) 26 Tone-lowering character in

> Trudges about to find foreign pastries (8) Horse always in front? [5)

For example, return journey can be something to boost one's own image (3.4) Coats put on in stormy, moist ocninsula (8,6) Release mole - he can do as

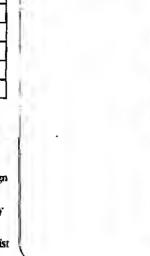
he pleases (4,5) Accompanying unexpected (4) Schäfer, whose line came from Alsace? (6.8)

Element not widely known

standing (6)

phlet (8)
18 is it superior to a Border Ter-Human figures lose energy,

Tuesday's Solution



16 Small burn right inside pam-

rier? (7)
19 Medicine to make one com-

petent in race (6)
22 One is struck with a name almost abandoned (5) 23 Cream bun, dear? (4)

Album Road, Watterd Back issues available from Historie Newspapers, 01988 840370. subty I'v believes 1997

Charleshed by Newspaper Publishing P.C. I Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL, and printed at Martor Colour Print, St

# Pearce uncertain in new Forest regime

JON CULLEY

Noningnam Forest negan me under new owners yesterday amid fresh uncertainty over the future of their player-manager, Stuart Pearce.

The 34-year-old England player was expected to reveal plans to spend a £16m transfer fund following Monday's sale of the club to a consortium headed by the Saracens owner, Nigel Wray, and the former Tottenham chairman, Irving Scholar. But at a low-key press con-

ference at the City Ground, the new regime failed to deliver firm backing for the man who stepped into the breach when Frank Clark resigned in December. Pearce even suggested he might stand down himself if it would help Forest avoid relegation from the Premiership.

Property developer Wray, the main financial muscle behind the £19.1m offer which shareholders voted overwhelmingly to accept on Monday evening, was back at his desk in the City yesterday, leaving the new chief executive, Phil Soar, to take charge at Forest.

Scholar, who took a 16 per cent stake in the club with Wray holding 27 per cent, was at the news conference but sat away from the platform, where address from Soar - and no enas manager - it was left to Pearce to do most of the talk-

Pearce was flanked by Soar and the incumbent chairman, Irving Korn. With no opening dorsement of Pearce's position ing. The message that came across was that neither he nor his new employers are sure about his role in Forest's future. Pearce spent an hour and a

who has been asked to advise tom three of the Premiership and the club as football consultant. Mr Schotar was very forthright and we learned a tot about each other," Pearce said. "There were one or two issues

raised concerning my future and we talked about the possibility of having a general man-ager. It is difficult to combine all of the things I have to do at the moment, including playing for England. "I was probably put in the po-

sition prematurely. In other circumstances, if anyone had asked me if I wanted to be manager of Nottingham Forest I would have said, 'yes, when I've finished playing.

Pearce has told the new owners he will continue until the end of the season but hinted he could stand down before then. "I'm happy to go along with whatever is going to be for the benefit of the club," he said. "If I felt that stepping down as manager and just carrying on as a player would help us stay in the Premiership I would do so without hesitation.

There was no tub-thumping about buying new players, despite Forest's plight in the bot-



three weeks away. Soar said privately ne would be relying on Scholar to help in transfer dealings and Pearce admitted it was part of the job he did not relish.
"Sometimes the financial business can keep you away from the training pitch and that's where I enjoy being," he said. "We are on a learning curve really. If it be that someone else deals with other clubs we will do that."

with the transfer deadline just

The new owners won control on Monday, when they received the backing of 189 of Forest's 202 active shareholders at an ex-

traordinary general meeting. While no one imagines that Wray, reputed to have made £60m from property and media deals, does not see Forest as an investment, the involvement of Soar probably appeased those who wanted to see the management retain a local flavour. Although he lives in Berkshire, the 49-year-old author and publishing executive was brought up in Bilborough, on the city's outskirts, and has been watching Forest since he was nine. As a season ticket holder he has many friends at the club

Scholar returns to football six vears after selling Tottenham to Alan Sugar for a reported £8m. He and Soar have known one another since the mid-1980s, when Soar was engaged to write Tottenham's official history. He pioneered football's entry into the Stock Market, floating Tottenham long before even Manchester United could see the henefits of such a move.

Forest's new owners plan to float this year, joining a procession of clubs attempting to cash in on the windfalls to be made in the City.

Forest in £50m flotation.

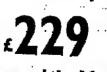
# **EASTER SPECIALS** BARCELONA SOURCE

\*\*\*\*\* Havana Palace 299

 Outbound, Thu 27 March 1700/2010 Return, Mon 31 March 2240/2345

\*\* Grand Hotel de Paris \* Additional nights £13 . 2 nights midweek £ 107 -

**PICASSO** Moderna Museet, Stockholm 15 Feb - 19 May 97





Picasso and the Mediterranean Myth a major exhibition featuring

100 exceptional works from 1906 - 1960 paintings, sculpture, drawings, prints, pottery

Departures from London & Manchester

 2 nights B&B at a \*\* hotel in Stockholm Guaranteed entrance to the Picasso Exhibition

Additional nights available from £27per night

 Upgrades to ★★★/★ hotels available SPECIAL OFFER

Stay Friday & Saturday nights at the central \* \* \* Hotel Kom from £239 and get Sunday night free All prices include airport taxes. All hotels are centrally located and have ensuite bathrooms.



For reservations phone Mon to Fri 89.00 to 18.08: 0181-960 9066 CITYTRAVELLER DIRECT LTD

